DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C ST, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

July 30, 2018

Ms. Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the first interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.

2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.

3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:

   a. @sba-list.org
   b. @cwfa.org
   c. @heritage.org
   d. @c-fam.org
   e. @nrlc.org
   f. @adflegal.org

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g. @legalworks.com
h. @kofc.org

4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 360 pages of responsive records responsive in full to item #2 above.

Some of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemptions (b)(4), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) and (b)(7)(F).

Exemption (b)(4) of the FOIA protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential, and is exemption is intended to protect the interests of both the government and submitters of information. In this case, the withheld information consists of business information such as hotel and rental car confirmation numbers. Disclosure of such numbers could allow their use for fraudulent purposes.

The exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes predecisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff and contractors about management of ORR programs and/or individual children and sensitive communications between agency staff seeking legal advice and counsel on policy and other matters.

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identity and/or other private information of private individuals and/or the identities of federal employees in sensitive positions and the work cell phones of federal employees. The withheld information also includes the locations of shelters housing vulnerable unaccompanied children and refugee centers. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In particular, disclosing the locations of shelters subject the children to unwanted publicity and harassment. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information

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would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government. Similarly, Exemption 7(C) provides protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the disclosure of information such as the locations or identities of unaccompanied children could subject vulnerable individuals to harassment and public hostility. The association of individual names in a law enforcement context could produce unwarranted publicity and embarrassment.

Exemption 7(A), authorizes the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. In this case, the withheld information concerns a pending and/or prospective law enforcement investigation.

Exemption 7(D) provides protection for records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source. In this case, the withheld information consists of reports to the investigators performing an investigation. If disclosed, the information could expose a source or sources of information who was/were held confidential when providing information for an investigation into the use of government funds.

The FOIA Exemption 7(F) protects law enforcement information that could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual. In this case, the withheld information consists of the information about specific refugee centers providing services to individuals who have fled to the United States for safety. Disclosure of this information could subject these individuals and the workers who assist them to hostile or threatening behavior or could help the forces they fled to locate them.

Sincerely yours,

Kimberly N. Epstein

Kimberly N. Epstein
FOIA Officer
Administration for Children and Families

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January 16, 2017 - January 22, 2017

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Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number (b)(4) Participant Access Code (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

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January 30, 2017 - February 05, 2017

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10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number: (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

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February 06, 2017 - February 12, 2017

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Monday, February 06

Tuesday, February 07

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Wednesday, February 08

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February 13, 2017 - February 19, 2017

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Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 14

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number: (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4)) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Wednesday, February 15

Thursday, February 16

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February 20, 2017 - February 26, 2017

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Tuesday, February 21

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4)) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

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February 27, 2017 - March 05, 2017

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Monday, February 27

Tuesday, February 28

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

1:00pm - 2:00pm FW: ASPE Follow-up Meeting on Refugee Survey redesign (Deputy Secretary's Conference Room) - Shipley, Samuel (HHS/IOS)

Wednesday, March 01

11:00am - 11:30am ACF Briefing for New Policy Team (Deputy Secretary's Conf Rm 607G) - HHS Secretary (HHS/IOS)

3:00pm - 3:30pm Meeting ACF / ORR (2nd floor conference room) - Lloyd, Edward (ACF)

3:30pm - 3:45pm Check-in w/Maggie and Scott (625D) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)

Thursday, March 02

1:30pm - 3:00pm FW: ORR/ DPC Meeting (Switzer Building ORR Offices Room 5524 at 330 C Street SW) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Friday, March 03

1:00pm - 2:00pm FW: (b)(6) Procedure - Conference Call (b)(4) - Calero, Wilfred (ACF)

3:30pm - 4:30pm ORR Debrief (Call in number: (b)(4) / Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

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Monday, March 06

Tuesday, March 07

10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

6:30pm - 7:00pm UAC Issues - HOLD (Lance's Office) - Leggitt, Lance (HHS/IOS)

Wednesday, March 08

4:00pm - 5:00pm ORR Budget Briefing (611E/ Call in information: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Thursday, March 09

Friday, March 10

2:00pm - 3:00pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Deputy Secretary's Office - Room 614-G) - Horn, Wade (HHS/IOS) (CTR)

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March 13, 2017 - March 19, 2017

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Monday, March 13

- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Secretary Price at ACF**

Tuesday, March 14

- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Call Maggie**

Wednesday, March 15

- **5:00pm - 6:00pm Human Trafficking Meeting** (Deputy Secretary's Office - Room 614-G) - Horn, Wade (HHS/IOS) (CTR)

Thursday, March 16

- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Call to update on** (b)(7)(C) (Via WebEx--number to follow) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Invitation to WebEx meeting:** (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) **pdate** (WebEx Online) - Jonathan White via Cisco WebEx

Friday, March 17

- **11:30am - 1:00pm Senior Staff PotLuck** (6th Floor - Secretary's Suite) - Leggitt, Lance (HHS/IOS)

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Monday, March 20

- **10:00am - 11:00am PRM/ ORR Call** (Call in number 2(b)(4) Participant Access Cod(b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Tuesday, March 21

- **9:00am - 9:30am (202)**(b)(4) TBD) - (b)(6) EOP/WHO
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number(b)(4) Participant Access Code(b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:30am FW: LER Meeting - PII Compliance/Letters of Reprimand** (ORR Huddle Room) -(b)(6) (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm [2:00 pm Scott and Marquittia to Discuss Travel Reimbursement for Recent Trip and Internal Travel Process]** (Scott's Office) - Coleman, Marquittia (ACF)

Wednesday, March 22

- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Meet w/ Jonathan** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm PII Compliance and Guidance** (Conference Call) - (b)(6) (ACF)
- **6:30pm - 6:40pm Scott Lloyd** (Lance's office 615F.3) - Leggitt, Lance (HHS/IOS)

Thursday, March 23

- **11:30am - 12:30pm UAC program** (614 G) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:15pm - 2:00pm ORR/ Scott meeting re: cooperative agreement** (Ken's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Friday, March 24

- **10:00am - 11:00am Secure and Staff Secure releases scheduled for Friday/this weekend** (202-(b)(4) Access Code(b)(4) White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:00am Invitation to WebEx meeting: Secure and Staff Secure Releases Scheduled for Weekend** (WebEx Online) - Jonathan White via Cisco WebEx
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Interview wit**(b)(6)

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Monday, March 27

- **8:15am - 9:15am** (b)(6)
- **10:00am - 10:30am ORR Director Meet and Greet** (5122/ 5202) - ORR Director (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Daily Briefing Binder Review** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm Discuss Secure/Staff Secure Releases** (Scotts Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, March 28

- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Numbe(b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 3:30pm Mandatory Prohibited Personnel Practice and Whistleblower Training** (Switzer Conference Room 5324) - Townsell, Valencia (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Conference Call re USRAP Cost Studies** (Rm 8085) (b)(6)

Wednesday, March 29

- **9:00am - 9:30am Check in with Anna Marie** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Budget Briefing** (Scott's Office /(b)(4) Participant Access Code:(b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Photo Appointment** (Director's Office 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Travel Plan Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Admin Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Monitoring Process** (Scott's Office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Thursday, March 30

- **9:00am - 10:00am Policy Briefing** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:00am ORR - OJJDP Call on Juvenile Justice expertise and Unaccompanied Alien Children Releases** (Switzer 5202) - White,
- **11:00am - 11:30am Division of Health for Unaccompanied Children Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 1:45pm 15 min Speak to DRA Staff at DRA Peer Discussion** (4401) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Weekly Check in with Joann** (Director's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm Check-in w/ AnnaMarie** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Refugee Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **6:30pm - 7:00pm Scott Lloyd** ((b)(6) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)

Friday, March 31

- **9:00am - 9:45am Refugee Briefing- HOLD** (Scott's Office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am DRS Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am DRA Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Lunch w**(b)(6) (Sandwiches by Phillip425 3rd St, S.W.) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm Reorganization Briefing** (Scott's office/ Dial in 202-(b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Tricia/ Scott meeting** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Call w/ A**(b)(6) (Dial in 202-(b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Check-in w/ Assistant Secretary re: Homestead** (Director's Office 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm HOLD- UC Call** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (AC

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Monday, April 03

- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Meet and Greet w/ Scott Lloyd** (Ben's Office 3103) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Desk Time**
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Scott call with UC** (Call in number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm ORR DUCO Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Briefing on The Ethnic Community Self Help FOA** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:45pm - 5:00pm Administrative Items** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, April 04

- **12:00am Scott - Travel TEXAS** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenn
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm FW: UC Program Shelter Bed Capacity Discussion** (514G/Dial-In #866 (b)(4) Passcode: (b)(4) - (b)(4)
- **1:15pm - 1:45pm Clearance Follow-up** (Personnel Security, Room 120F) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:45pm - 3:15pm Check-in w/ AnnaMarie re: (b)(5) process** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 5:30pm Travel to Airport - Rush Hour Traffic is Factored into this Time**
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Canceled: POSTPONED: Conference Call re USRAP Reports** (NW8099) - (b)(6)
- **5:41pm - 6:11pm Wheels up**

Wednesday, April 05

- **Scott - Travel TEXAS** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, April 06

- **12:00am Scott - Travel TEXAS** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, April 07

- **Ken- Telework** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Scott - TELEWORK** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Call in number:** (b)(4) **Participant Access Code:** (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Call with** (b)(6)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm FY 18 budget deliverable** (Dial in 202-(b)(4) Participant Code: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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April 10, 2017 - April 16, 2017

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Monday, April 10

- **10:00am - 11:00am Pre meeting Refugee Briefing** (Scott's Office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Repatriaton MOU Briefing by ASPR** (Director's Office Switzer 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Homestudy/ PRS follow up meeting** (Scott's office / (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Tuesday, April 11

- **9:00am - 9:30am DOD Briefing w/** (b)(6) (523B) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenn
- **10:45am - 11:00am Jonathan/ Scott check in re: case** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Budget Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm PACOM NEO TTX** (CAA Conference Room) - ADS (b)(4) (OS/ASPR)
- **1:15pm - 1:45pm Trina/ Anna Marie/ Scott check in** (Scott's office) -
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm FW: UC Program Shelter Bed Capacity Follow-Up**
- **2:30pm - 3:45pm Travel** (b)(6) contact # is (b)(6)
- **3:45pm - 4:45pm USRAP 101** (EEOB room 172) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Wednesday, April 12

- **9:15am - 9:45am UC Capacity call** (Director's Office/ (b)(4) Participant Access Code (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/** (b)(6) **h** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 2:45pm Check-in w/Scott Lloyd** (HHH 625D) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Comms Team Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:45pm - 5:15pm Check in w/** (b)(6) Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, April 13

- **9:00am - 9:45am Refugee Check-in** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office/ Dial in 202 (b)(4) Participant Code (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am UC Planning and Logistics Briefing** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm DRH Briefing** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Call w/** (b)(6) Scott will call (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Meeting w/ Sara Frattone** (Director's Office 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 3:30pm Call w/** (b)(6) (Dial In) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:15pm Scott/** (b)(6) **Call** (Scott will call (b)(4)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm ACF Sponsored Events | ORR** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, April 14

- ☐ **Laura- OFF** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- ☐ **Scott- LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT**

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April 17, 2017 - April 23, 2017

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Monday, April 17

- **10:15am - 10:45am Follow-up meeting and ASPR CAA** (CAA Conference Room) - (b)(4) (OS/ASPR)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm Mtg. w/ACF** (Room 4002; Switzer Building) - Horn, Wade (HHS/IOS) (CTR)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Desk Time- Vision Planning**
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Vision Planning Brainstorming** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, April 18

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:15am - 12:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Pre Meeting - DHS Community Safety Meeting** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 1:45pm FOA Funding Packet** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, April 19

- **9:00am - 9:45am PREA Briefing** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/** (b)(6) (Scott's Office / (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Presentation and discussion on Paperwork Reduction Act with OMB/OIRA staff -- with handouts** (Room 3202/3126 Conference Line: (b)(4) Participant Code: (b)(4) - Goldstein, Naomi (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Meet w/ USCCB** (Director's Office, Switzer Room 5101, 330 C. St. SW Washington DC (if larger space is needed- 4125)) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Briefing with** (b)(6) (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, April 20

- (b)(6)
- **9:00am - 9:45am URM Briefing** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:15am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:45pm - 1:45pm All Staff Meeting** (5324) - ORR Director (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Conference Call: ACF's Contingency Plan and Planning in the Event of a Lapse in Appropriations** (Switzer Room 3401/3322 or teleconference, (b)(4) participant passcode (b)(4) - Lee, Lila (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Promoting Community Safety** (Switzer Building, 330 C St SW, Washington DC 20201) - Swartz, Tricia (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 3:30pm Briefing of Repatriation Presentation** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, April 21

- **11:00am - 12:00pm UNHCR Meeting** (330 C Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 Switzer Building Room 5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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Monday, April 24

- **7:30am - 8:00am**
- **10:15am - 11:00am TA Briefing** (5424C) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm PSI Prebrief** (b)(4) - Logan, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Travel** (b)(6) Charles Sansom) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Meet and Greet w/ State Dept.** (2201 C Street) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Travel**
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Call** (b)(6)

Tuesday, April 25

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenn
- **10:45am - 11:10am Policy Division Staff Meet-and-Greet** (TBD) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:15am - 12:15pm Vera Institute of Justice** (Mary E. Switzer Bldg 330 C. St SW Washington, DC 20026) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Weekly Check-in w/** (b)(6) (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Meet w/** (b)(6)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Pre-Travel Check-in w/** (b)(6) (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) -
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Check in with** (b)(6)
- **5:15pm - 6:00pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott

Wednesday, April 26

- **12:00am Scott- travel** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Sarah - Telework** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Government Shutdown Mandatory Meeting** (5202/ (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Thursday, April 27

- **Scott- travel** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am HOLD- Travel** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **White on Sick Leave** - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Mandatory Meeting of HHS Political Staff** (Secretary's 8th Floor Conference Room (HHH)) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)

Friday, April 28

- **12:00am Scott- travel** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am HOLD- Travel** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Ken - Telework** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

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Monday, May 01

- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Rescheduled Grants Process Briefing for ORR** (Switzer Conference Room 3401; (202) (b)(4) participant code (b)(4) Lee, Lila (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Fwd: Sen. HSGAC conf call re: UAC intake process** (b)(4) - Clark, Barbara (HHS/ASL)
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Meeting w/** (b)(6) office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, May 02

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am "Reimagine HHS" – a speech by Secretary Price, M.D.** (The Great Hall, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Indepen
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm DRH/DHUC Staff Meet and Greet** (5225B) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm USCCB Cooperative Agreement** (Scott's Office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 3:00pm Travel**
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Brief PSI** (Russell 199) - Hayes, Sean (HHS/ASL)
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Travel**
- **5:00pm - 5:45pm Conference Call with Suffolk County Police Commissioner Tim Sini Re: UC Program** (Conference Call Number (b)(

Wednesday, May 03

- **10:30am - 11:00am Complete Travel Card Training** (Desk Time - Please Refer to Instructions)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm RCUSA Meeting** (4323/4401 (b)(4) (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

Thursday, May 04

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm HOLD**
- **12:30pm - 2:00pm ORR Lunch & Learn: The Best of Italy and Greece** (Switzer 5524/5603) - Maisler, Rachel (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm DRS Staff Meet and Greet** (5225A) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Staff Meet and Greet w/ Budget Division** (Switzer 5122) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:10pm - 4:30pm Check-in w/** (b)(6) (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:45pm - 5:15pm FW: Check in Meeting** (Anna's office) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, May 05

- ☐ **Telework**
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm ORR/ DHS Call Check-in** (Dial-in (b)(4) PC (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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May 08, 2017 - May 14, 2017

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Monday, May 08

- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Meet w/ Laura and Lydia Re: Talking Points for ECDC** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm NEO TTX Next Steps** (Director LLoyd's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm Background Investigation** (Mary E. Switzer Building 330 C. St. SW DC 20201) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, May 09

- **9:00am - 9:30am SMR Follow-up** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:15am URM FOA** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:15pm Annual Ethics Training** (Conference Room 730B) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)
- **1:45pm - 2:30pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm Travel** (b)(6) (b)(6)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: (b)(6) (McCaskill) Sen. HSGAC call re: UACs and gang violence** (b)(4)

Wednesday, May 10

- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/** (b)(6) (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm ORR Stakeholders Meeting** (5122/5202 or Call in: (b)(4) Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm SCORR Call** (Dial-in (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Thursday, May 11

- ☐ **Sarah 1/2 Day - AM OUT** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **9:00am - 9:30am (b)(6) / Scott check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Meet w/ Iulia and Joann** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm (b)(6) taff call re: ORR IFR on Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassm**
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Northern Triangle** (Humphrey 523B/ call (b)(4) to receive access) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm MITRE** (Director's Office) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm FOA Review with Scott** (Director's office) - Gregg, L

Friday, May 12

- ☐ **Telework**
- **10:00am - 10:30am Funding Decision Memo Discussion** (Conference Call| Number: (b)(4) - Barlow, Amanda (ACF)

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May 15, 2017 - May 21, 2017

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Monday, May 15

- **12:00am Director Travel to CA** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am Refugee Integration Roundtable** (Urban Institute 2100 M St NW, Washington, DC 20037) - Martinez, Sofi (OS/ASPE)
- **12:45pm - 1:00pm Large Scale Cyber Attack | ACF Response** (Conference Room 4523/4603 or (b)(4) Barlow, Amanda (ACF)

Tuesday, May 16

- **Director Travel to CA** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:30pm Refugee Integration Roundtable** (Urban Institute 2100 M St NW, Washington, DC 20037) - Martinez, Sofi (OS/ASPE)
- **12:00am Ken- CA Travel** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm FOIA Training** (716A or call in (b)(4), passcode (b)(4) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)

Wednesday, May 17

- **Director Travel to CA** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Ken- CA Travel** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Thursday, May 18

- **Director Travel to CA** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Ken- CA Travel** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm Reimagining HHS Update** (Switzer 4125) - Mella, Emily (ACF)

Friday, May 19

- **12:00am Director Travel to CA** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am Ken- CA Travel** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Reimagining HHS Update** (Switzer 4125/4202) - Mella, Emily (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

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Monday, May 22

- **9:00am - 10:00am Pedro/ Scott check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:15pm World Refugee Day** (Director's Office) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Meet and Greet w/ Kids in Need of Defense** (Room 5122 - Mary E. Switzer Building 330 C St. SW DC 20201) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Meeting w/ OTIP** (Switzer 5101 - The Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, May 23

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- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenn
- **11:00am - 11:30am Budget Briefing** (4th Floor | Conference Room 4523/4603) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:30pm Meet w/ Immigrant Children's Svcs/Legal Counsel (SWK Programs)** (Room 4225B Mary E. Switzer Building 330 C
- **11:30am - 12:00pm FW: FOIA Training** (716A or call in 1-(b)(4) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)
- **1:00pm - 1:50pm Budget check in** (Scott's office / (b)(4) Code: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Meeting w/** (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, May 24

- **10:00am - 10:30am Check in with Ken** (Director's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Reasonable Accomodations Training** (Switzer 3401/3322)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm AMB check in** (Director's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 3:45pm Policy Officials Briefing on Cost of Supporting Refugees** (Room 514G) - Moughalian, Jen (HHS/ASFR)

Thursday, May 25

- **9:00am - 9:30am Call w/** (b)(6) **regarding UAC/MS-13** ((202) (b)(6)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am HHS Portrait** (Cohen Building G-033) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm HATCH ACT TRAINING** (HHH - 727E) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)
- **2:45pm - 3:30pm FOIA Briefing** (Director's Office - Switzer 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, May 26

- **Ken - Leave** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Scott - Telework**
- **9:00am - 10:00am conference call with** (b)(5) (b)(5)

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May 29, 2017 - June 04, 2017

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Monday, May 29

- ☐ **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)

Tuesday, May 30

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 2:30pm Briefing on Preliminary Findings for TANF-RCA Study** (Mary E Switzer, 330 C Street SW, Room 4523, Washington DC 20201; WebEx) - McCormack, Tiffany (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Meet and Greet with Pedro Moreno** (5122) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)

Wednesday, May 31

- **8:30am - 10:00am Travel** (4610 N. Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22203 - Ballston Holiday Inn)
- **10:00am - 10:30am ECDC Speaking Engagement** (Ballston Holiday Inn - 4610 N. Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22203)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Travel** (b)(6)

Thursday, June 01

- **9:30am - 10:00am Revised Estimator** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Travel** (b)(6) or (b)(6)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm NCTC Security Briefing for HHS/ORR** (1500 Tysons McLean Dr., McLean VA 22102) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Travel**
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Youth For Tomorrow Meeting RE: UAC Bed Cuts** (Switzer 4523 (4th Floor)) - Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, June 02

- **10:00am - 10:30am OGLS Call** (Call in number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm ORR "Pending" Items Discussion** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor (4026A) AND (b)(4) Passcode: (b)(4) Wagner, Mr. Steven (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm ATCR Prep** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:45pm - 2:15pm World Refugee Day** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm ORR Funding Discussion** (4th Floor | Room 4523) - Wagner, Mr. Steven (ACF)
- ☐ **3:30pm - 4:00pm Canceled: Meeting w/ORR to Discuss E-Mail Search** (Conf Rm 3322) - Baerga, Debbie (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Meet w/ Trina re: Personnel Confidential in Nature** (Scott's Office) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

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June 05, 2017 - June 11, 2017

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Monday, June 05

- **9:00am - 9:30am Meeting w/ORR to Discuss E-Mail Search** (Conf Rm 3322) - Baerga, Debbie (ACF)
- **10:15am - 10:45am Speak to Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Grantees** (TBD) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Pre call re: quarterly call** (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm Social Services Discretionary Grant Plan** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Meeting with Scott Lloyd** (510B Conference Room (Humphrey Building)) - Phillips, Lindsey (OS/ASA/OSSI) (CTR)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm FY 2019 Reforms and Reinvestment proposals - Update with Handout** (Switzer Conference Room 4323/4401) - (b)(6),
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm Travel to WH** (b)(6) (b)(6) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Meeting re: Refugee Questions** (WH, EEOB 374 (S

Tuesday, June 06

- **8:00am - 10:00am Out of Office**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Meeting with Tim Clark, White House Liasion's Office** (IOAS Conference Room 4026A) - Dugan, Meghan R. (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Governors call** (620E Humphrey Bldg) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm UAC NPRM Briefing** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR FY19 Proposals** (Switzer 4026) - Barlow, Amanda (ACF)
- **3:45pm - 4:45pm Follow up meeting** (Scotts office/ (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, June 07

- **10:15am - 10:45am Personnel Meeting** (Director's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:15am - 12:00pm Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Pre-Briefing for OGR Meeting Wednesday** (Scott Lloyd's Office) - Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
- **12:45pm - 1:15pm ECDC Meeting** (Switzer Buildling- 330 C Street SW) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm In-Person Briefing for House OGR Committee** (TBD: O'Neil or Rayburn Building) - Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)

Thursday, June 08

- **10:10am - 10:30am Meet w/ (b)(6) re: UAC FOAs** (b)(6) Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am ORO/ORR Call w/Commissioner David Hansell** (Conference Number: (b)(4)
- **11:30am - 12:30pm** (b)(6) (5202) - Irizarry, Tania (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm FOIA training** (716A) - Flick, Heather (OS/OGC)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm 2017 Acquisitions Brown Bag Series: Source Selection Planning and Evaluation** (Central Office Room 3322, region
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm Senate Judiciary Hearing Prep Session #1 of 2** (S
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Check in with Amanda** (Scott's office// Call (b)(6))
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Roo
- **5:00pm - 5:30pm Call with Congresswoman Comstock** (IOAS Confer

Friday, June 09

- **10:00am - 11:00am Senate Judiciary Hearing Prep Session #2 of 2** (Switzer 5122) - Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)

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June 12, 2017 - June 18, 2017

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Monday, June 12

- **GENEVA - TRAVEL**

Tuesday, June 13

- **GENEVA - TRAVEL**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:45pm Great Lakes Core Group Invitation** (CICG, Room 6)

Wednesday, June 14

- **GENEVA - TRAVEL**
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm FY19 Mandatory Reforms and Reinvestments** (Switzer 4523/4603.) - Barlow, Amanda (ACF)

Thursday, June 15

- **12:00am GENEVA - TRAVEL**
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, June 16

- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Cancelled: Scott/ Laura/ Jonathan check in** (Call in number: (b)(4) Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Check-in Scott/Jonathan/Laura** (b)(4) Access Code (b)(4) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Invitation to WebEx meeting: Scott/Jonathan/Laura Check In** (WebEx Online) - Jonathan White via Cisco WebEx
- **3:45pm - 4:45pm Invitation to WebEx meeting: HHS Testimony Discussion with EOP** (WebEx Online) - Jonathan White via Cisco WebEx

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June 19, 2017 - June 25, 2017

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Monday, June 19

- **10:00am - 11:00am FW: Joint Prep Session - Senate Judiciary Hearing - MS-13** (Conferene Line: (b)(4) OLA Conference Calls
- **12:30pm - 12:45pm Check-in regarding afternoon repatriation briefing** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Meet-and-Greet w/ GDIT Leadership** (Director Lloyd's Office Switzer 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm DHS Data Report** (Call) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm Briefing Prep** (Director's Office (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, June 20

- **World Refugee Day** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **8:00am - 11:00am World Refugee Day Breakfast w/ LIRS**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:15pm World Refugee Day** (5324) - ORR Director (ACF)
- **1:35pm - 1:55pm Testimony Review** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Repatriation Briefing** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, June 21

- **9:20am - 10:00am Travel** (b)(6)
- **10:00am - 4:00pm Judiciary Hearing** (TBD) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:15pm UC Stakeholders Meeting** (5202 or 2 (b)(4) Access Code: (b)(4) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)

Thursday, June 22

- **9:00am - 5:00pm Baltimore**
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm FINAL REMINDER: ORR URM Lunch & Learn starting soon!** (Switzer 5202/5122 & UPDATED WebEx meeting information) - Mullooly, Anne (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm Mandatory June Politicals Gathering** (Room 800) - Bird, Catherine (HHS/IOS)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, June 23

- **9:00am - 9:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office/ (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Travel** ((b)(6) or (b)(6)
- **11:45am - 12:15pm Meeting with Rep. Burgess (R-TX)** (Rayburn 2336) - Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
- **12:45pm - 1:00pm Iraqi Deportations** (Dial in (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:15pm Call w/ Senator Graham's Office RE: Refugee Resettlement** (Call-In# (b)(4) (b)(6)
- **2:15pm - 2:30pm Call w/ A** (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Travel** (b)(6) or 240
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Meeting w/ ICE -** (b)(6)

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June 26, 2017 - July 02, 2017

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Monday, June 26

- **5:15pm - 5:30pm Travel**
- **5:30pm - 8:00pm CVT UN International Day Event** (1739 N Street, NW DC)

Tuesday, June 27

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:20pm - 1:00pm Travel (Meeting w/ ICE)** (b)(6) is (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm MTG: UAC Initiative** (ICE HQ (500 12th Street SW, Washington DC, 20536), 10th Floor, 10175) - HQ Intel Assistant Director
- **2:00pm - 2:15pm Travel** (b)(6) or (b)(6)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Private APT**
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm UAC Program All-Hands Call** (b)(6) Access Code: (b)(6) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, June 28

- **8:30am - 9:00am Memorandums** (Scott's Office) - Robinson, Trina (ACF)
- **9:00am - 9:30am Meeting with CVT's** (b)(6) (Room 5225A) - Kelly, Tim (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:30am REVIEW SES FORMS**
- **10:30am - 11:30am Weekly Check-in w/** (b)(6) Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Meeting w/ ORR and OIG regarding UAC** (Mary E. Switzer Building 5122) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm REVIEW SES FORMS**

Thursday, June 29

- **10:10am - 10:40am FY17 Executive Performance Plan Discussion with Scott Lloyd** (Steve Wagner's Office (4032A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:45pm ORR-BCFS Discussion of UAC with** (b)(6) (b)(6) **Disease** (Call in- (b)(4)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm findings from ASPE's data analysis on the estimated long-term costs of the United States Refugee Admission**
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Call w/** (b)(6) **re Monday's Ruling** (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Cancelled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Briefing by Tricia re:** (b)(5) **processes** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, June 30

- **8:00am Pedro-Telework** (Telework) - Moreno, Pedro (ACF)
- **Telework- Laura** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm** (b)(5) (b)(5)

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July 03, 2017 - July 09, 2017

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Monday, July 03

- **Jonathan on Annual Leave 3JUL** - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **Laura- OFF** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Pedro will be teleworking** - Moreno, Pedro (ACF)
- **Sarah - Telework** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **Scott- Telework** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, July 04

- **Federal Holiday - Observed** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Wednesday, July 05

- **Sarah - AM Telework 1/2 Day** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Anna Marie Check in/ Call in:** (b)(4) **Participant Access** (b)(4) (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm ORR Leadership Meeting** (5202) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Discussion with Steve Wagner: UAC Medical Case** (4th Floor | IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Thursday, July 06

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:15am - 11:45am Guam Repatriation Agreement** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Memorandums** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm SBC Prep Session** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:45pm - 4:15pm Memorandums** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **5:30pm - 6:00pm Call Maggie**

Friday, July 07

- **Pedro - Telework** - Moreno, Pedro (ACF)
- **Sarah - Leave** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **Scott - Telework** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:10am - 10:40am** (b)(5) (b)(5)
- **11:30am - 12:30pm Follow up Discussion w/ACS Commissioner David Hansell** (Conference Call - (b)(4) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Hearing** (Call in: (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 3:00pm Discussion of TOP request** - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Call re: AH** (Call in: (b)(4) / Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:30pm HEARING Continued** (Call in: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

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July 10, 2017 - July 16, 2017

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Monday, July 10

- ☐ **Scott- Leave** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am Call w/ Marilyn Re: Refugee Support** (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Tuesday, July 11

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **10:45am - 11:45am Flores questions** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm July 11 Kick-Off mtg. w/ Steve Wagner on ACF-wide Background Check Initiative** (Switzer Room 5324) - Christi
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Reorg Meeting** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm** (b)(5) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Briefing by Elizabeth Russell** (Humphrey 523B (s-level0) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, July 12

- **10:00am - 10:30am Laura/ Scott/ Sarah meet re: travel/ calendar** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **10:15am - 10:45am Discussion re: Potential SBC Questions** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm FW: ACF Discretionary Secretary's Budget Council (SBC) Meeting** (Deputy Secretary Conference Room 607-G) - Moughalian, Jen (HHS/ASFR)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603, Phone: (b)(4) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:45pm - 3:15pm Meet w/ Ken** (Scotts Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Reorg walk through positions** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Thursday, July 13

- ☐ **Weekly Reports Due at Noon** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm UAC Discussion** (Humphrey, Room 405F.4) - Destro, Brenda (HHS/ASPE)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, July 14

- ☐ **Laura- telework** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **8:00am - 12:00pm** (b)(6) **/ Travel to Office**
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm OSSI Threat Brief - Friday, July 14, 2:00-3:00pm, Switzer 6021A** (Switzer 6021A) - OS OSSI #2

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July 17, 2017 - July 23, 2017

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Monday, July 17

- **10:00am - 10:30am Travel to Longworth** (b)(6) (b)(6) -contact # is (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:30am ORR UAC Briefing for NOVA Delegation** (1119 Longworth) - Logan, Scott (ACF)
- **1:45pm - 2:15pm Coffee Meeting**
- **2:30pm - 2:50pm SBC Follow-up** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Bond Hearing Briefing** (Humphrey Bldg 611E/ Dial in: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Check in with Elizabeth** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, July 18

- **8:45am - 9:30am Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **10:45am - 11:45am Meet and Greet w/ Rep Ilhan Omar** (330 C. St. SW DC 20201) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm ORR Reorg position walk through** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Weekly check-in w/ Elizabeth Russell** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, July 19

- ☐ **Mark's bday**
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603, P(b)(4) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Repatriation** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 2:45pm Refugee Grant issue** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

Thursday, July 20

- **9:00am - 5:00pm Do Not Schedule** (OUT OF OFFICE)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm 2017 Acquisitions Brown Bag Series: Contract Administration Responsibilities** (Conference Room #4401 or Conference Line (b)(4) - Wilkerson, Darnese (ACF)
- ☐ **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, July 21

- ☐ **DUE COB- ACF Incentive Award Nominations- DUE COB August 4, 2017** (Details Inside) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm Do Not Schedule** (OUT OF OFFICE)

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July 24, 2017 - July 30, 2017

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Monday, July 24

- **10:15am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Refugee Briefing** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Laura/ Scott check in re: funding decision memos pending** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)

Tuesday, July 25

- **9:00am - 9:30am Human Capital Report** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm HOLD- Pre Brief** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am FW: Pre-Brief - CHS Briefing - UACs** (Conference Line: (b)(4) - OLA Conference Cal
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Desk Time- SES PMAP Review** (Scott's office)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm NCSL Summitt Pre-Call** (Scott's Office/ (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, July 26

- **10:30am - 11:00am PMAP - Pedro** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm Meeting with ACF/ORR & ASPR/OEM Leadership** (Switzer Scott's Office RM 5101) - Vineyard, Michael (OS/ASPR/OEM)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603, (b)(4) or Web Ex info below) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm July Birthdays Celebration** (5202) - Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm UAC Stakeholders Meeting** (5324 or (b)(4) (b)(4) Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Coffee w/** (b)(6)

Thursday, July 27

- **12:00am Trina** (b)(- Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm Travel** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm House HSC UAC Briefing** (H2-176) - Logan, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Travel** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 2:45pm Audit Briefing** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Capacity Numbers Meeting** (5202) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **5:45pm - 6:15pm Transport to Le Bar - RA Reception** (806 15th Street, NW) - Duran, Mishaela (ACF)
- **6:00pm - 7:30pm ACF Networking Reception with Regional Admin**

Friday, July 28

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Laura- telework** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Meet and Greet w/** (b)(6) (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:30pm ORO Regional Administrators' Retreat WORKING LUNCH: Meet and Greet w/ACF Program Office Leadership** (Switzer Building: Room 5324) - Duran, Mishaela (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Utilization of other Federal Secured Areas** (Michael's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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July 31, 2017 - August 06, 2017

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Monday, July 31

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:20pm Meet w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Pre-Brief re: ACF Briefing for Secretary** (IOAS Conference Room) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, August 01

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am - 9:30am TEP at Staff Briefing re: ACF** (615-F) - Secretary Scheduler (OS/IOS)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenn
- **11:00am - 12:00pm UAC Bond Hearing Call** (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Check in re: cases** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Meet w/ Ken** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Meet with Brenda** (Brenda's office) - Lloyd, Scott (A
- **4:15pm - 4:45pm Call with** (b)(6) (Scott call (b)(6) - Lloy

Wednesday, August 02

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:30am MG Grantee Meeting** (Check in with Tom G.) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Call w/ Heidi Stirrup** (desk: (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

Thursday, August 03

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am Scott - Boston** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **Laura- telework** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE** (BOSTON SITE VISITS) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm ORR/MA Repatriation Briefing** (MEMA Headquarters 400 Worcester Road (Route 9 East) Farmingham MA (b)(4) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, August 04

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Scott - Boston** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00am** (b)(6)
- **Ken - Telework** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Laura- Telework** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE** (BOSTON SITE VISITS)

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August 07, 2017 - August 13, 2017

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Monday, August 07

- **Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **Sarah -** (b)(6)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office (Dial In (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm FW: HHS ASPE Briefing on Results of Refugee Fiscal Impact Analysis** (OS ASPE 422F, Conf2 (HHS/ASPE)) - Ghertner, Robin (HHS/ASPE)
- **4:30pm - 4:45pm Scott and Elizabeth Check-In** (Soctt's Office) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **4:45pm - 5:30pm Press Strategy for Gang Prevention Initiative** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Tuesday, August 08

- **12:00am Trina- out** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
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- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm Mandatory Hatch Act Training** (Room 730B) - Bird, Catherine (HHS/IOS)
- **3:00pm - 4:15pm ORR 6 Overview and Update** (Scott's Office (Dial-in Inside Invite)) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, August 09

- (b)(6) (b)(6)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - Canceled: Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting with Tamar Magarik and Aaron Emmel of the American Academy of Pediatrics** (Scott's office) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)

Thursday, August 10

- (b)(6)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office (Dial-in Inside Invite)) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Shelter Options for the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Program** (John Bardis' Office, Humphrey Building, Suite 309-F) - Bardis, John (HHS/ASA)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm FY18 UAC Budget Discussion** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office (Dial In (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Interview:** (b)(6) (HHS - 200 Independence Avenue, SW, 625D, Washington, DC 20201) - Clark, Timothy (HHS/IOS)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Cancelled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, August 11

- **12:00am** (b)(6)
- **11:00am - 11:30am call** (b)(6)

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August 14, 2017 - August 20, 2017

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Monday, August 14

- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Audit Resolution Delegation of Authority** (Switzer 3225A) - Samuel, Janice (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)

Tuesday, August 15

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:30am Senior Review Board (SRB) previously call Information Technology Review Board (ITIRB)** (Conf Rm 2201) - Baerga, Debbie (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Executive Secretariat/ORR Meeting w/SWIFT Liaison(s)** (3225A [Switzer]) - ACF Exec Sec (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm Refugee Budget Options** (Scott's Office) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, August 16

- **10:00am - 11:00am Travel to WH** (b)(6) (b)(6) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Meeting with** (b)(6) (White House) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603, (b)(4)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Travel from WH** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Options for Safer Voluntary Departures** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Dial (b)(4) PC (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm State Call** (Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Meeting w/ Mike and Elizabeth** (Mike's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, August 17

- **8:45am - 9:30am MED Workshop - Opening Remarks** (4523/4603) - Dunning, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Ken/ Scott check in** (Scott's office) - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm** (b)(6) (5202) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Stakeholders Meeting on PREA Implementation** (Rm 4202/ Switzer Building (330 C St SW, Washington DC 20024)) - Sch
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch**
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Upcoming speaking engagements** (Scott's Office)
- **2:15pm - 2:45pm Contingency Planning** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:45pm Meeting with ORR Director on** (b)(4)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm FW: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4t

Friday, August 18

- ☐ **Laura- telework** - Gregg, Laura (ACF)
- **8:15am - 9:15am Meet w Demetrios Kouzoukas**
- **11:30am - 12:00pm Next Week's Coverage** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Check-in w/ Laura** (Laura will Call) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Refugee Costs Report Discussion** (ACF | 4th Floor | Steve Wagner's Office (4032A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm PRM/ ORR call re: report** (Scott's office/ Call in number: (b)(4) - White, Laura (ACF)

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August 21, 2017 - August 27, 2017

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Monday, August 21

- **12:00am Scott- ANNUAL LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)

Tuesday, August 22

- **Scott- ANNUAL LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Wednesday, August 23

- **Scott- ANNUAL LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (5202 (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:15pm Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (5225A/(b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, August 24

- **Scott- ANNUAL LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

Friday, August 25

- **12:00am Scott- ANNUAL LEAVE** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **Laura Telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Meeting with Kelly Ryan s** (5202 or Call in: (b)(4) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)

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August 28, 2017 - September 03, 2017

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Monday, August 28

- **12:00am Jonathan on leave 8/28/8/29** - White, Jonathan (ACF)

Tuesday, August 29

- **12:00am Jonathan on leave 8/28/8/29** - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm NEW LOCATION--ROOSEVELT ROOM: PCC on FY 18 Refugee Report** (WHSR JFK Room) - Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO

Wednesday, August 30

- **12:00am HOLD Refugee Summit (Refugee Programs Bureau)** (San Diego, CA)
- **11:15am - 12:00pm Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)

Thursday, August 31

- **12:00am HOLD Refugee Summit (Refugee Programs Bureau)** (San Diego, CA)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Emergency Repatriation** (Wyndham San Diego Bayside/ (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, September 01

- **Jonathan on leave 9/1** - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm Travel to WH (w/ Security Screening Considered)** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm UAC Working Group (WAVES LINK ADDED)** (EEOB 210/212 (Diplomatic Reception Room)) - Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO

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September 04, 2017 - September 10, 2017

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Monday, September 04

- **HOLIDAY OBSERVED (Labor Day)** (OFFICE CLOSED) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm LABOR DAY** (OFFICE CLOSED) - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)

Tuesday, September 05

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch/Break**
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Desk Time**

Wednesday, September 06

- **10:00am - 11:00am Urban Institute Final Briefing: Opportunities for Formal Evaluation** (Switzer 5524 + (b)(4) Martinez, Sofi (OS/ASPE)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Group Repatriation from Dominican Republic and Bahamas** (b)(4) Russell, Elizabeth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 5:00pm Out of Office**

Thursday, September 07

- **8:00am - 12:00pm Computer Refresh** (Please Drop off Your Computer Between These Hours)
- **9:15am - 9:45am Additonal UAC Capacity** (5202/ (b)(4) P (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Briefing on Repatriation TTX** (Room 4323/4401) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch/Break**
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm URM check in on case** (Scott's office) - White, Lau
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Urban Institute Final Briefing: Strengthening Per**
- **2:15pm - 3:00pm SWK Audit** (5122) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:15pm - 3:45pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office/Dial-in)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Flo
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm ORR/ DHS UAC Capacity Call** (Call in number: 202

Friday, September 08

- **9:00am - 9:30am Meeting w/ Paula** (Paula's Office Humphrey 609F.3) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Personnel meeting w/ Kim** (Mary Switzer Building 330 C Street SW Washington, DC/ Room 3225B) - Lloyd, Scott
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm ORR Q1 Spending Plans** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) OR (b)(4) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **1:15pm - 1:45pm Missouri State Update** (Scott's Office) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ (b)(6) Re: UAC Legal Services and Direct Representation** (5202 (Dial in (b)(4)
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm Transportation to DHS Meeting** (b)(6) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 3:45pm Potential Repatriation** (Call) - Barlow, Amanda (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm ORR/ DHS UAC Capacity follow up in person me**

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Monday, September 11

- **7:30am - 8:00am FW: Senior Leader Brief to Secretary Price (Harvey/Irma)** (SOC// (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Ope
- **8:45am - 9:00am ACF Incident Command - Repatriation** (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **10:00am - 10:30am Repatriation Internal Operators call PR [DO NOT FORWARD]** (b)(4) - ACF hswatchoffi
- **10:15am - 11:00am Meeting w/ (b)(6) of LDS Humanitartian Services/Refugee Resettlement** (Conference Call- Ke
- **11:40am - 12:00pm Meeting with OLAB** (Amanda's office) - White, L
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Update** (b)(4)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Hurricane Irma ACF Repat Travel Team Check-**
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm HOLD - Division of Policy Training on Culture of**
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Emergency Repatriation Interagency Coordinatio**
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Hill call** (Phone call/ (b)(4)

Tuesday, September 12

- (b)(6)
- **7:30am - 8:00am Senior Leader Brief to Secretary Price (Irma)** (SOC// (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **8:40am - 9:00am NDMS** (b)(4) - Hooban, Tala (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am DOS Washington Liaison Group call** (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5524/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenn
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Update** (b)(4) passcode: (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Opening Remarks at Webinar Hosted by Welcoming Refugees** (Webinar/Desk)
- **5:30pm - 6:00pm Leave Garage**

Wednesday, September 13

- **9:15am - 9:50am SW Key follow up meeting** (5122/ Number: (b)(4) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:30am Briefing re: core elements of immigration reform** (Humphrey 615F.3) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Update** (b)(4) passcode: (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **12:55pm - 1:30pm Travel to WH w/ Lance** (Meet at Secretary's Main Office in Humphrey)
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm DC: Core Elements of Immigration Reform** (Roos
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Travel back to Switzer**
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Brief Steve re: repat** (Steve's office) - Lloyd, Scott (
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Capacity meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF
- **5:30pm - 6:30pm Senior Leader Brief to Secretary Price (Irma)** (1-8

Thursday, September 14

- (b)(6) **on leave** - (b)(6) (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am URM Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Update** (b)(4) passcode (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **1:15pm - 2:00pm DHS Proposal** (IOAS Conference room | 4026A as location) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 3:00pm UAC Background Checks** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, September 15

- **Pedro Teleworking** - Moreno, Pedro (ACF)
- **Ken - Telework** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am DRA SRC Training Initiative** (Scott's office/ Number: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Update** (b)(4) passcode (b)(4) - ACF hswatchofficer
- **1:15pm - 2:00pm Call re (b)(6) (per Scott)** (Dial in in invite) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **1:15pm - 2:00pm Update to WebEx meeting: Call re (b)(6** (WebEx Online) - Jonathan White via Cisco WebEx
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm TENTATIVE: Coffee W/ (b)(6) of DOS**
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Meet w/ UNHCR Deputy Regional Rep** (b)(6) (b)(6) Mary E. Switzer Building/ 5225A) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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September 18, 2017 - September 24, 2017

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Monday, September 18

- **10:15am - 10:45am Repat Briefing w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Emergency Repatriation Final Update** (Switzer 5202 and (b)(4) ACF hswatchofficer
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meet w/** (b)(6) **Heritage Foundation** (Mary E. Switzer Bldg 330 C. St. SW DC 20201/ 5225A) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm IOAS FOA Consult for the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)** (4th Floor | Conference Room 4523/4603) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Tuesday, September 19

- **8:30am - 9:00am Senior Leader Brief to Secretary Price (Irma)** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5524/ Number (b)(4) - Tota, Kenn
- **11:00am - 11:30am Laura/ Scott meet re: refugee strategy agenda/**
- **11:15am - 11:45am OIG/ ACF Meeting** (Switzer IOAS Conference Ro
- **11:30am - 12:00pm Meet and Greet w/ FFS Supervisors** (4125) - Llo
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm DESK Time**
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Travel**
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm WH Meeting EEOB** (145)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Travel from WH**
- **5:00pm - 5:30pm Check in with Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Sco
- **5:30pm - 6:00pm Immigration meeting** (Lance's Office - 615F.3) - Le

Wednesday, September 20

- **9:00am - 10:00am ORR/ FBI/ OIG Call** (Switzer room 5101/ Meeting Server Main Number (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm ACF Repatriation After Action Debrief** (Room 3524) - Moreno, Pedro (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Meeting with** (b)(6) **of the Refugee Congress** (Mary E. Switzer Building 330 C St. SW DC 20002) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)

Thursday, September 21

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:15pm Community Safety Briefing** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** (b)(6)
- **1:45pm - 2:15pm SES Paperwork** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm GDIT Contract Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:15pm Operation Matador Case Review** (Scott's Office (Let me know if you need a call in)) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:15pm Reallocation Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, September 22

- **12:00am HOLD - APHSA leadership retreat/Harvard Summit**
- **Ken - Leave** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Scott- telework** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:30am Call re: tesimony** (Number: (b)(4) Participant Access (b)(4) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm U.S. Interagency Prep Call for High-Level Dialogue on Central America** (Pick a sporty outfit) - (b)(6)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm ORR/ DHS UAC Capacity follow-up Call** (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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September 25, 2017 - October 01, 2017

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Monday, September 25

- **Scott-**(b)(6)
- **9:00am - 5:00pm** (b)(6)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm HHS call with Governor Greiten's Office re Refugee Resettlement Program** (Conference Call -(b)(4) Participant Code -(b)(4) - Hunt, Gregorio (HHS/IEA)

Tuesday, September 26

- **Scott- Telework** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **7:30am - 8:00am Fwd: Senior Leader Brief to Secretary Price** ((b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number:(b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:30am - 11:45am Call | Scott Lloyd &**(b)(6) ((b)(to dial Scott @(b)(4) -(b)(6) (CELA)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Meeting @ WH**

Wednesday, September 27

- **9:00am - 12:00pm HOLD- UNHCR Planning Meeting in preparation for the Regional Meeting on Forced Displacement that the Government of Honduras is hosting** (TBD- Invite will be sent) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (5225B/ (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Travel to Hill**
- **4:30pm - 5:30pm Joint Refugee Consulation** (H-139 Capitol, the Henry Hyde Room) - Clark, Barbara (HHS/ASL)

Thursday, September 28

- **9:00am - 12:00pm HOLD- UNHCR Planning Meeting in preparation for the Regional Meeting on Forced Displacement that**
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Potluck September Birthday Luncheon** (5524) - Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Staff request follow up meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Laura/ Scott meet** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Briefing re: TEP at Secretary's Quarterly Readiness Exercise (SQREx) Repatriation** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scot
- **4:15pm - 4:45pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)
- **4:15pm - 4:45pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, September 29

- **Ken-Leave** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:45am - 10:30am Prep Meeting re: TEP at Briefing on the Immigration Priorities of the White House** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:15pm - 12:45pm Call to discuss next steps on refugee cost report** (Call in numbe(b)(4) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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Monday, October 02

- **10:00am - 11:00am Call on Repatriation** (b)(4) access (b)(4) - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:30pm** (b)(5) (b)(5)
- **12:30pm - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**

Tuesday, October 03

- **7:30am - 8:00am Senior Leader Brief to Acting Secretary Wright** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **9:00am - 9:30am Refugee check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:45pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 5:00pm OUT OF OFFICE**
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Mandatory: All HHS Political Staff Mtg** (Room 800 (Humphrey)) - Ashendorf, Jacob (HHS/IOS)

Wednesday, October 04

- **Pedro Teleworking** - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **7:30am - 8:00am Senior Leader Brief to Acting Secretary Wright** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Korea Trip Briefing** (L1C24) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, October 05

- **7:30am - 8:00am Senior Leader Brief to Acting Secretary Wright** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **9:30am - 10:00am UAC Budget Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:15am Presentation** (Conference Room 5202) - (b)(6) (b)(6)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Division of Policy and Procedures Monthly Briefing** (teleconference; Room: 5524) - Theiler, Patricia (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm Refugee strategy session** (5122/ Call in: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm FNEU Case Review** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Pre Meeting for Staff Meeting with IOAS** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm ORR Staffing Needs** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th

Friday, October 06

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **Scott- telework** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **7:30am - 8:00am Senior Leader Brief to Acting Secretary Wright** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Call with** (b)(6) **at EOIR** (Maggie's office? conference?) - Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS)
- **1:45pm - 2:15pm UAC Legal Services Discussion** (Meeting Server Main Number: (b)(4) White, Laura (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm Call**
- **5:30pm - 6:00pm Senior Leader Brief to Deputy Secretary** (b)(4) - OS Secretarys Operations Center

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October 09, 2017 - October 15, 2017

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Monday, October 09

- **HOLIDAY OBSERVED** - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Senior Leader Brief to Acting Secretary Wright** (b)(4) OS Secretarys Operations Center
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)

Tuesday, October 10

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) OR 866-687-9176 | Passcode: 4881945) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm IT Hotspot Trouble Shoot** (Director's Office (5101)) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:15pm - 1:45pm AEVP Case Staffing** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:15pm ORR Staff Meeting** (5324/ Call in number Number: (b)(4) - ORR Director (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, October 11

- **11:00am - 11:45am Data Match meeting** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:10pm - 3:30pm Travel to Hill**
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Staff Level Briefing on Refugee Consultation for SJC and HJC by State, DHS, HHS** (2138 Rayburn HJC Members' conference room) - Clark, Barbara (HHS/ASL)

Thursday, October 12

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Policy Meeeting re: preg** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:40pm - 12:50pm Meeting with ORR** (Steve's Office) - Powers, Mary (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm Weekly check in with Joann** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm U.S. Emergency Repatriation and Federal Interagency Meeting** (Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C ST SW, Washing
- **3:15pm - 3:45pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Pre Depature Check-in w/ Pedro** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm S- Level Briefing** (Humphrey 523B) - Lloyd, Scott (A

Friday, October 13

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **Pedro - Teleworking** - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm ORR Call** (Call in number: (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Pre-travel meeting** (Maggie's office) - Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm HOLD - DHS Follow-up Call** (ConCall) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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Monday, October 16

- **12:00am** (b)(6)
- (b)(6) **bday**

Tuesday, October 17

- (b)(6)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **10:45am - 11:00am Homestead Discussion with ORR** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) (b)(4) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Wednesday, October 18

- (b)(6)
- **12:00am Sarah - Leave (Professional Development)** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Personnel Meeting** (Pedro's office or huddle room) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, October 19

- (b)(6)
- (b)(6) (ACF) (CTR)
- **Anniversary**
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (5202/ Meeting Server Main Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, October 20

- **12:00am** (b)(6)
- **12:00am Sarah - Leave (Professional Development)** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- (b)(6)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)

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October 23, 2017 - October 29, 2017

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Monday, October 23

- (b)(6)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Meeting w/ Scott Lloyd - ORR Director** (Governor's Conference Room or Call-in: (b)(4) Meeting ID: (b)(4) - (b)(6) (GOV)

Tuesday, October 24

- **12:00am HOLD: Homestead Trip** - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **Scott- Telework**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:15am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Call (CALL-IN INFORMATION ADDED)** (Call-In: (b)(4) - (b)(6) EOP/WHO
- **11:00am - 12:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Wednesday, October 25

- **12:00am HOLD: Homestead Trip** - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **9:00am - 11:00am Hearing Prep**
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 3:00pm Hearing Prep** (Humphrey 416 G) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm JOAS Appeals meeting** (5225A) - White, Laura (ACF)

Thursday, October 26

- **8:15am - 8:45am Meet at HHH ASL office @ 8:15**
- **9:00am - 12:00pm House Judiciary Meeting** (TBD) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Refugee strategy session** (5122/ Call in: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Personnel Paperwork** (HHH Bldg, 8th Floor, Suite 801, Room 13) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, October 27

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **Pedro - Teleworking** - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **11:15am - 11:45am Call w/ Laura and Anna Marie** (Call in: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Prep Call for Governors Call** (Call in (b)(4) Participant Access Code: (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm ACF SES FY2017 Performance Closeout Discussion with Scott Lloyd** (Steve Wagner's Office (4032A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Predecisional/deliberative discussion re: ACF** (4026A Switzer) - Stirrup, Heidi (HHS/IOS)

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Monday, October 30

- **12:00am** (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Kim** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm UAC FOAs** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch/Desk Time/Break**
- **1:00pm - 3:00pm PRM/ORR/ DHS Governor Call** (5122) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Meeting re:** (b)(6) **Case** (Scott's Office Switzer 5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm Prep Senior Action Officer Repatriation TTX** (Don's Office) - Boyce, Don (OS/ASPR/OEM)
- **5:15pm - 5:45pm ORR Follow Up with Paula** (Counselors Conference Room (HHS) 611E or CALL IN 8(b)(6)

Tuesday, October 31

- (b)(6) White, Laura (ACF)
- **8:30am - 9:00am fd**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number:
- **10:00am - 10:30am UAC Meeting** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Travel** (b)(4);(b)(6)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm After-action on recent UAC / HHS case** (EEOB 3
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Travel**
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Safe Families Meeting** (Switzer 5424C) - Pilato, Ann
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Emergency Repatriation - Plan of Action/Solidify**
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm EEI Manager's and Supervisor's Briefing- Session**
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm EEI MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS SESSION 1** (S

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Wednesday, November 01

- (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am Ken- Travel CHEP Conference** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am SRC Training Launch | Webinar Run-Through** (5424C) - Mitchell, Genna (ACF) (CTR)
- **11:30am - 12:00pm NPRM Meeting** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Communication Strategy Meeting** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, November 02

- (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **Ken- Travel CHEP Conference** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am Meeting w/ Pedro and Elizabeth re: Repatriaton** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am ORR Briefing** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Call Jon and Jane** (Call) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm EEI Manager's and Supervisor's Briefing- Session #2** (Switzer Room 3424) - Fleming, Mr. Al (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm EEI MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS SESSION # 2** (SWITZER CONFERENCE ROOM 3424) - Kinder, Dorothy (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm *ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office/ Dial in: (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Call w/ Jane** (Call) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, November 03

- (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **12:00am Ken- Travel CHEP Conference** - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm JOM Call** (Call in (b)(6) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm Call w/ Reps O'Rourke and Castro** (Call TBD) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm call w/** (b)(6)
- **2:15pm - 2:45pm HHS/ACF/UAC Congressional Prep Call** (b)(6) - Logan, Scott (ACF)

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November 06, 2017 - November 12, 2017

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Monday, November 06

- (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Kim** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Discuss SCORR Questions/Agenda** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm ORR/ERO Collaboration** (ACF /Mary E Switzer Building | 330 C Street, SW | IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A and Conf Call #: (b)(4) (b)(6)
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm SCORR Quarterly Call** (4323/4401 Call-in Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **5:00pm - 6:00pm Coffee** (b)(6)

Tuesday, November 07

- **12:00am** (b)(6) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) OR (b)(4) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm 15 min Meeting w/ Pedro and Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Laura/ Scott check** - White, Laura (ACF)

Wednesday, November 08

- **8:30am - 4:00pm Repatriation Senior Action Officer level Table Top Exercise (TTX)** (O'Neill Office Building, 200 C Street SW, D.C. 20024; Cypress Conference Room (Sub-basement level)) - Boyce, Don (OS/ASPR/OEM)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **12:45pm - 1:00pm Meet w/** (b)(6) **nd Mindy Blakney** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 3:00pm DRA HQ Meeting** (5202) - Mitchell, Genna (ACF) (CTR)

Thursday, November 09

- **Pedro-Offsite, available by phone and e-mail** - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **Sarah - Leave/Telework** - Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)
- **9:00am - 9:30am URM Staff Meeting Check-in** (5225A) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:00am HHS TSA Support (with meeting notes)** (HHH Building Suite 633F(Rm 46) : (b)(4) - Malvin, Greg
- **10:15am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / 2027
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Revised FY18 budget estimates for ORR** (IOAS
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: UNHCR Data** (5202/ Call in: 202
- **1:15pm - 2:00pm Refugee strategy session** (5225A/ Call in: (b)(4)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm FW: DRS Meeting** (5225A / Dial in number: 877-51
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Canceled: Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Roo

Friday, November 10

- **Cancelled:** (b)(6)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)

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Monday, November 13

- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Kim** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm FW: DPL Team Meeting** (b)(4) passcode: (b)(4) - Hooban, Tala (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Scheduling Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, November 14

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Policy Staff Check-in** (4323) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm** (b)(**Case Discussion** (JW Office) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm DHUC Staff Check-in** (4225A) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:15pm 15 Minutes w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:25pm - 2:45pm PHC** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)

Wednesday, November 15

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:50am - 10:20am Phone interview** (Scott's office)
- **11:00am - 12:00pm Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:50pm - 3:30pm SRC Training Initiative | Launch Webinar** (Switzer 3322) - Mitchell, Genna (ACF) (CTR)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Capacity Meeting/ Meeting Server Main Number:** (b)(4) (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:30pm Weekly Check-in w/ Pedro Moreno** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, November 16

- **12:00am Scott- training**
- **12:00am Training** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am Budget Staff Check-in** (5424C)
- **11:15am - 11:45am PMF Informaitonal Interview w/** (b)(6) (Director's Office (Switzer 5101)) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Complete Staff Workload Tracker**
- **1:30pm - 3:00pm ACF Senior Review Board (SRB)** (Conf Rm 3401) - Blake, Sebrina (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm PLACEHOLDER: DRA Meeting with Scott** (5524) - Rubenstein, Carl (ACF)
- **2:30pm - 3:00pm Call with ICE/CBP/USCIS/ORR** (Call-In: (b)(4) ICE.Scheduler
- **4:00pm - 4:45pm Meeting w/** (b)(6) **from World Education Services (WES)** (Mary E. Switzer Building |Room 4202| 330 C. St. SW DC
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Flo

Friday, November 17

- **Scott- training**
- **12:00am Training** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:00am Personnel Meeting** (Scott's Office| Dial-in (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office | Call-in: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm ORR Leadership and Lt. Gov. Luis Rivera-Marin Meeting** (Switzer Buidling-Room 5122 | Dial-in (b)(4) (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 3:00pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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Monday, November 20

- **On leave** - Womack, Kimberley (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:30am Repatriation Discussion with OEM and ACF** (O'Neil Building C1C15) - Hamel, Joseph (OS/ASPR/IO) (CTR)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Surprise** (IOAS Conference Room 4026A - Switzer) - Kellogg, Cori (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 5:00pm** (b)(6) **OUT OF OFFICE**

Tuesday, November 21

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:15am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:15pm Meet re: Ex Assistant contract position** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm MTW Scott Lloyd** (405F.4 Humphrey) - Destro, Brenda (HHS/ASPE)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm Emergency Repatriaton Briefing w/ Department** (Humphrey Bulidng | 5th Floor| SCIF Room 523.B) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, November 22

- **12:00pm - 12:30pm ORR Meeting with HHS/ OCR** (5101) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Prep for Secy Briefing**
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm FW: EDH Brief on the UAC Program Referrals & Capacity** (610-F) - Secretary Scheduler (OS/IOS)

Thursday, November 23

- (b)(6) (ACF)
- **Thanksgiving**
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Refugee strategy session** (3401/ Call in: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, November 24

- (b)(6)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
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November 27, 2017 - December 03, 2017

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Monday, November 27

- **9:30am - 10:00am Scheduling Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:15am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Pedro Moreno** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:30am Prep Call for HSGAC briefing** (b)(6) Participant: (b)(4) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm Travel**
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Senate HSGAC Minority Styaff Briefing** (344 Dirksen) - Clark, Barbara (HHS/ASL)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Travel**
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Urgent Call for UAC Shelter Leadership** (Call in number: (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Changes to Repatriation Program and Discussion** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, November 28

- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:30am Travel** (b)(6) or (b)(4)
- **10:30am - 12:00pm WAVES link for UAC PCC - Tuesday, November 28, 10:30-12:00 (EEOB 350)** (EEOB 350) - Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Travel**
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm NPRM**
- **3:15pm - 4:00pm UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) (b)(4) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm Steve Wagner/ Scott Lloyd Call** (Call in Number: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, November 29

- (b)(6) ACF)
- **Sarah** (b)(6)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm FW: UC Stakeholders** (5324 or (b)(4) Access Code: (b)(4) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 3:00pm DRA HQ | Monthly Meeting** (Switzer 4603) - Mitchell, Genna (ACF) (CTR)
- **3:30pm - 5:00pm Repatriation MOU**

Thursday, November 30

- **9:30am - 10:00am Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:15am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Refugee strategy session** (5202/ Call in: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:15pm - 2:45pm Mary/ Scott/ Laura Check in** (Scott's office) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm Follow-up: Repatriation Discussion with OEM and ACF** (Mary E. Switzer | Room 3322) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **4:00pm - 4:30pm Check in Meeting** (IOAS Conference Room | 4th Floor | Room 4026A) - Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Friday, December 01

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am Touch Base w/ Ken** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 11:15am RCUSA Meeting with ORR** (Switzer Building-330 C Street SW , Room 5122/ Meeting Server Main Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Cod (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:15am - 11:45am Travel**
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Meeting on Unaccompanied Alien Children** (Stephen Miller's Office, (b)(6) - Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO
- **1:00pm - 3:00pm UCG Deputies Meeting** (HHS Switzer Building, 330 C Street SW, Room 5324) - (b)(6)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm Canceled: HHS - DoS Bilateral on Repatriation** (600 19th St NW, 10th Floor, Room 10.00 (Large Conference Room), Washington, DC 20036) - (b)(6)

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Monday, December 04

- **12:00am Ken - Travel** (Denver & Boise) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am Scheduling Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:30am Repatriation meeting w/ Elizabeth re: Emergency Repatriation TTX and Draft Summary of Conclusions** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Kim** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:00pm DHS Collaboration Follow-up** (ACF /Mary E Switzer Building | 330 C Street, SW | 5th Floor | Room 5122) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Tuesday, December 05

- **Ken - Travel** (Denver & Boise) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **(b)(6) b-day**
- **9:30am - 10:00am OD Check in** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) Tota, Kenn
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm (b)(6) or Laura Gregg White** (Switzer Room 5202) - Johnson, Harmony (ACF)
- **1:05pm - 1:35pm Murray Mtg Prep** (b)(4) passcode (b)(4) - Logan, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:45pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Check-in with Scott Lloyd on Clearance Items** (Steve Wagner's Office (4032A)) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:15pm FY2018 Spend Plans Meeeting | ORR** (IOAS Confe
- **4:15pm - 5:00pm Canceled: UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Confer

Wednesday, December 06

- **Ken - Travel** (Denver & Boise) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **Pedro - Offsite (available by e-mail and phone)** - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **9:00am - 10:00am Legal Services Follow Up** (5122 or Call in: (b)(4) - Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603 or (b)(4) - Goldhaber,
- **12:30pm - 1:15pm DHS/ORR MOA Discussion** (Scott's Office or Call in: (b)(4) 2) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (A
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm *ORR Staff Small Groups** (Director's Office) - Lloy
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm PREA Stakeholders Meeting** (Room 5202, Switzer
- **5:00pm - 5:30pm Meeting w/Scott** (Anne's Office) - Pilato, Anna (AC

Thursday, December 07

- **12:00am Ken - Travel** (Denver & Boise) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am (b)(5) Scott's Office or Call in: (b)(4) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:15am ORR issues discussion** (will call Scott on cell pho
- **11:30am - 12:00pm Document's Conversation** (Scott Lloyds Office |
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm Meeting w/ ORR Director and ASPA** (Scott Lloyd
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm DPP Monthly Briefing** (teleconference; Room: 552
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm UPDATED: ORR HQ Holiday Party** (5202) - Lucas,
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Travel (b)(6) or**
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm Brief Senate HELP on ORR and Medical Care** (Har
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm Travel**
- **4:45pm - 5:15pm 10 minutes w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Sc

Friday, December 08

- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **9:30am - 12:30pm (b)(5) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm Call w/ Elizabeth Weekly Check-in (Reschedule)** (Call) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm Meet w/ Amanda** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Meeting w/ (b)(6) Background Investigation** (Scott's Office)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm PMAP** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:30pm - 4:30pm Weekly Check-in w/ Pedro Moreno** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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Monday, December 11

- ☐ **12:00am Site Visit to Homestead UC Shelter** (Homestead, FL) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **9:30am - 10:00am Scheduling Check-in** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **10:30am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Kim** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:15am - 11:45am DHS/ ORR Call** (Call in Number: (b)(4) Participant Access Cod (b)(4) - White, Laura (ACF)
- **11:30am - 12:15pm Meeting w/ Maggie** (Maggie's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:30pm - 1:00pm EOIR & HHS Call re: UAC Docket** (Dial-in 202-77
- **1:15pm - 1:45pm Fee Meeting** (Conference Call: (b)(4) Partici
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Response draft: Request for data match submissi**
- **2:30pm - 2:45pm 15 min Meeting w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Llo
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm Christmas Open House** (Room 800 (Humphrey buil

Tuesday, December 12

- ☐ **12:00am Site Visit to Homestead UC Shelter** (Homestead, FL) - White, Jonathan (ACF)
- **10:00am - 10:45am ORR Leadership Weekly Meeting** (5202/ Number: (b)(4) - Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
- ☐ **11:00am - 12:00pm Canceled: UC/Refugee Coordination** (IOAS Conference Room (4026A) OR (b)(4) - Wagner, Steven (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 2:30pm ASPE-IRP Learning Exchange on Early Childhood Brain Science** (HHS Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave SW, Room 425A) - Hutchison, Lindsey (OS/ASPE)

Wednesday, December 13

- **11:45am - 12:00pm Political Meeting with Secretary Hargan** (IOAS Conference Room) - Dugan, Meghan R. (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 1:30pm Senior Leadership Officials** (Conference Room 4523/4603, VTC and audio info below) - Goldhaber, Ben (ACF)
- **2:00pm - 2:30pm Personnel Meeting** (Scott's office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Thursday, December 14

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (5202) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 5:00pm USCRI Holiday Party** (Arlington VA)

Friday, December 15

- ☐ **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:30pm HOLD - Deposition Prep** (Conference call w/ DOJ) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

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Monday, December 18

- (b)(6) - Moreno, Mr. Pedro (ACF)
- **8:45am - 9:30am Transportation** (b)(6) (b)(6)
- **9:30am - 5:30pm Depostion in** (b)(4) (b)(4) (20 Massachusetts Ave. NW., Room 6050) - Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC)
- **5:30pm - 6:00pm Travel** (b)(6) (b)(4)

Tuesday, December 19

- **11:15am - 11:45am ORR Pre-Briefing Meeting w/ AAS Steve Wagner** (IOAS Conference Room) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **12:00pm - 12:45pm EDH to Brief on UAC & ORR** (610-F) - Secretary Scheduler (OS/IOS)
- **12:45pm - 1:30pm Transportation** (b)(6) (b)(4)
- **1:30pm - 3:00pm WH Meeting** (Room 350 of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building)
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm Transportation** (Return w/ Steve Wagner)
- **4:45pm - 5:15pm Weekly check-in w/ Elizabeth** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Wednesday, December 20

- (b)(6) (ACF)
- **10:15am - 11:00am Weekly Check-in w/ Pedro Moreno** (Scott's Office) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 11:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Joann** (Scott's Office / (b)(4) Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 4:30pm Media Training (S.Lloyd)** (HHS Studio- Hubert Humphrey Building) - Dugan, Meghan R. (ACF)
- **3:00pm - 4:00pm GAO entrance"Federal Employment and Training Programs" (102320)** (ACFConference Room 3225A; Conference line (b)(4) - ACF-GAO (ACF)

Thursday, December 21

- **10:00am - 10:45am Weekly Check-in w/ Anna Marie** (Scott's Office or Call in: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **11:00am - 12:30pm ACF/ASPR MOU** (Switzer 5122 | Dial-in (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
- **1:00pm - 1:30pm coop stuff** (concall & (b)(4) passcode (b)(4) Ball, Harvey (ACF)
- **4:30pm - 5:00pm HHS Call with ORR** (NEW CALL IN NUMBER: (b)(4) - Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Friday, December 22

- (b)(6)
- **Laura- telework** - White, Laura (ACF)
- (b)(6)

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Scott Homestead/AK

Travel

Monday, December 11, 2017

Thursday, December 14, 2017

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Alamo Car Rental Confirmation: (b)(4)

Phone

9:30pm **Check into Hotel**
Anchorage Marriott Downtown
820 W. 7th Ave Anchorage AK 99501
Phone: 907-279-8000
Confirmation: (b)(6)

Thursday, December 14

9:30am **Repatriation Meeting**
Location: Robert Atwood Building
Address: 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700 17th Floor
POC: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) @alaska.gov
Participants: Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Heal and Social services; John Henry Heckendorn, Speacial Assistant to the Governor and Chief of Staff; Mike O'Hare, Division Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Bob Doehl, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm **Refugee Site Visit**
Meet with Liza Krauszer(Program Director), Erika Baumann (Employment and Education Coordinator), and Luba Belavtseva (Reception and Placement Coordinator) for RAIS program overview

1:30pm **Refugee Site Visit**
Meet with college student, Garden, Restaurant, and On the Job Training Participants

Friday, December 15

8:02am Flight Departs ANC for SEA

12:34pm Flight Arrives in SEA

3:55pm Flight Departs SEA for IAD

Flight: Alaska Airlines 112 and 956, leaving ANC @ 8:02am, Arriving IAD @ 11:47pm

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Homestead/Anchorage Trip
December 11-13, 2017

Monday, December 11

Flight: American Flight 1005, leaving DCA @ 7:00pm, Arrive MIA @ 9:50pm

7:00pm	Depart DCA for MIA
8:00pm	**Check in to Hotel** Hampton Suites Miami S Homestead 2855 N.E. 9th Street Homestead FL 33033 Phone: 305-257-7000 Confirmation: (b)(6)

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am	Depart for Homestead
9:00am	**Site Visit: Homestead** Address: (b)(6) Homestead, FL (b)(6) POCs: (b)(6) (202) (b)(6) Participants: Asst Sec Steve Wagner, Asst Sec John Bardis, Maggie Wynne, Jonathan White, Gregg Gnipp, Jill Volovar

Wednesday, December 13

Flight: Delta Flight 940, leaving MIA for ANC at 8:45am, Arrive ANC

8:45am	Flight Departs MIA for ANC @ 8:45am
10:42am	Arrive in Atlanta
12:39pm	Depart for Minneapolis
2:24pm	Arrive in Minneapolis
5:30pm	Depart for Anchorage
8:54pm	Arrive in Anchorage
8:54pm	**Pick up Car Rental**

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Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)

From: Coleman, Ms. Marquittia (ACF)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR); White, Laura (ACF)
Subject: TRAVEL (Update re Rental Car) Concur Itinerary 12/11/2017: MULTI-SEGMENT TRIP TO CONDUCT SITE VISITS IN HOMESTEAD, FL MIAMI AND ACHORAGE ALASKA (LNMWDM)
Attachments: DCA-MIA.ics; MIA-ANC.ics; ANC-IAD.ics; Hampton Inn & Suites.vcf; Marriott Downtown Anchorage.vcf

Hello Sarah and Laura:

Please see below Scott's updated travel reservation to include a rental car in Alaska.

Thanks,

Marquittia

From: Concur Travel [mailto:TravelWizard@concursolutions.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Coleman, Ms. Marquittia (ACF)
Subject: Concur Itinerary 12/11/2017: MULTI-SEGMENT TRIP TO CONDUCT SITE VISITS IN HOMESTEAD, FL MIAMI AND ACHORAGE ALASKA (LNMWDM)

Trip Overview

Trip Name: Multi-Segment Trip to Conduct Site Visits in Homestead, FL Miami and Achorage Alaska
Start Date: December 11, 2017
End Date: December 15, 2017
Created: November 29, 2017, Marquittia Coleman *(Modified: December 11, 2017)*
Description: To conduct site visits at Homestead, Fl and Anchorage Alaska
Agency Record Locator: (b)(4)
Ticket Number(s): (b)(6)
Passengers: Edward Scott Lloyd
Total Estimated Cost: $1,889.31 USD
Agency Name: Omega - HHS

Reservations

Monday, December 11, 2017

Flight Washington, DC (DCA) to Miami, FL (MIA)

American Airlines 1005

Departure: 07:00 PM
Seat:26F (Confirmed)
Ronald Reagan National Arpt (DCA)

Arrival: 09:50 PM
Miami Intl (MIA)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

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Additional Details

Distance: 921 miles

Emissions: 396.0 lbs CO_2

Cabin: Economy (G)

Remarks

NO HOTEL BOOKED FOR MIAMI FL
PREFERRED SEAT NOT AVAILABLE. CHECKS CONTINUE UNTIL DEPARTURE DATE
NO FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED

Hampton Inn & Suites

2855 N.E. 9th St
Homestead, Florida, 33033
US
305-257-7000

Checking In: Mon Dec 11
Room 1, Days 2, Guests 1

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

Checking Out: Wed Dec 13

Additional Information

Daily Rate: $120.60 USD

Total Rate: $241.20 USD

Room Details

Room Description: RoomDescriptionCodeA0BB3Y

Remarks

HX40182ARR11DEC CXL:CXL BY 1159P DAY PRIOR ARVL

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Flight Miami, FL (MIA) to Atlanta, GA (ATL)

Delta 940

Departure: 08:45 AM
Seat:33E (Confirmed)
Miami Intl (MIA)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 10:42 AM
Hartsfield Intl Arpt (ATL)

Additional Details

Distance: 596 miles

Emissions: 256.3 lbs CO_2

Cabin: Economy (L)

Remarks

NO FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED

ır, 57 min layover at Hartsfield Intl Arpt (ATL)

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Flight Atlanta, GA (ATL) to Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN (MSP)

Delta 1715

Departure: 12:39 PM
Seat:32E (Confirmed)
Hartsfield Intl Arpt (ATL)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 02:24 PM
Minneapolis St Paul Intl (MSP)

Additional Details
Distance: 906 miles
Emissions: 389.6 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (L)

ır, 6 min layover at Minneapolis St Paul Intl (MSP)

Flight Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN (MSP) to Anchorage, AK (ANC)

Delta 1088

Departure: 05:30 PM
Seat:43F (Confirmed)
Minneapolis St Paul Intl (MSP)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 08:54 PM
Anchorage Intl Arpt (ANC)

Additional Details
Distance: 2510 miles
Emissions: 978.9 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (L)

Alamo Car Rental at: Anchorage US (ANC)

Pick-up at: Anchorage US (ANC)

Pick Up: 08:54 PM ***Wed Dec 13***
Pick-up at:Anchorage US (ANC)
Number of Cars:1

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status:Confirmed
Rate Code:MGD

Return: 08:02 AM ***Fri Dec 15***
Returning to:Anchorage US (ANC)

Additional Details
Rate: $12.00 USD daily rate, unlimited miles
Total Rate: $57.90 USD

Corporate Discount: (b)(6)

Rental Details
Intermediate / Car / Automatic transmission / Air conditioning

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Marriott Downtown Anchorage

820 W 7th Ave
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501
US
907-279-8000

Checking In: Wed Dec 13
Room 1, Days 2, Guests 1

Checking Out: Fri Dec 15

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed
Frequent Guest Number: (b)(6)

Additional Information

Daily Rate: $249.95 USD

Total Rate: $499.90 USD

Room Details

Room Description: RoomDescriptionCodeCORA00

Remarks

MC25864ARR13DEC CXL:PERMITTED UP TO 02 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL

Friday, December 15, 2017

Flight Anchorage, AK (ANC) to Seattle, WA (SEA)

Alaska Airlines 112

Departure: 08:02 AM
Seat:22E (Confirmed)
Anchorage Intl Arpt (ANC)

Arrival: 12:34 PM
Seattle Tacoma Intl Arpt (SEA)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

Additional Details

Distance: 1444 miles
Emissions: 563.2 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (Y)

Remarks

NO FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED

ır, 21 min layover at Seattle Tacoma Intl Arpt (SEA)

Flight Seattle, WA (SEA) to Washington, DC (IAD)

Alaska Airlines 956

Departure: 03:55 PM
Seat:28E (Confirmed)
Seattle Tacoma Intl Arpt (SEA)

Arrival: 11:47 PM
Washington Dulles Intl (IAD)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: Confirmed

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Additional Details

Distance: 2299 miles

Emissions: 896.6 lbs CO_2

Cabin: Economy (Y)

Total Estimated Cost

Air Ticket Number: (b)(6)	**$976.37** USD
Taxes and fees:	**$113.94** USD
Air Total Price:	**$1,090.31** USD
Hotel:	**$741.10** USD
Car:	**$57.90** USD
Total Estimated Cost:	**$1,889.31** USD

On-line Check-in

Alaska Airlines Check-in

You can check-in on-line up to **24** hours before your flight. You may print your boarding pass at your home or office to avoid ticket counters and kiosks and go right to security. Click the Check-in button to find out more.

Confirmation: LWJTHW

Remarks

CHECK-IN TIME ARE 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS OR 120 MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL
*****--******--*****
DELTA AND AMERICAN AIRLINES (INCLUDING US AIRWAYS) NO LONGER HAVE
A TICKETING AND BAGGAGE AGREEMENT BEGINNING SEPT. 15.
BAGGAGE TRANSFERS ALSO WONT BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN THE CARRIERS.
*****--******--*****
OMEGATRAVEL.COM FEDERAL SERVICES-HOTEL/CAR/AIR/RAIL
855.326.5411 7A-10P EST
855-326-5411 EMERGENCY
CHECK CARRIER WEB SITE FOR CHANGE/CANCEL AND BAGGAGE POLICIES

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Homestead Site Visit

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Location: Former Job Corps Center in Homestead, Florida

Site Address: 12350 SW 285th, Homestead, FL 33033

Point of Contact: (b)(6) (b)(6)

Arrival Instructions: Please plan on arriving to the facility by 9:00am on December 12. After showing a government issued photo ID, the security guards will escort attendees to the meeting room for the briefing. The schedule for the day is below.

Agenda for Visit:

9:15AM: Briefing on Homestead's use for influx sheltering

10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Tour of site

12:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM Debrief and follow up discussion

2:00 PM: Depart to Airport

Attendees:

Maggie Wynne, Counselor for Human Service Policy

John Bardis, Assistant Secretary for Administration

Steve Wagner, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families

Scott Lloyd, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement

Jonathan White, Deputy Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement

Jill Volovar, Federal Field Specialist, Office of Refugee Resettlement

Gregg Gnipp, Senior Emergency Management Specialist, Office of Refugee Resettlement

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ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Office of Refugee Resettlement | 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20201
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr

TO: ACF and HHS Leadership

FROM: Scott Lloyd, ORR Director

DATE: December 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Read Ahead for Homestead Visit

BACKGROUND

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is responsible for receiving all unaccompanied alien children (UAC) referred by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) within 72 hours of apprehension, and providing each UAC received with custody and care consistent with the law. To fulfill this requirement, ORR maintains a national shelter network of grantee residential care facilities.

Referral numbers are historically volatile and unpredictable. Child migration is influenced by complex and overlapping push and pull factors such as poverty, violence, family unity, abuse, crime, natural disasters, and hunger.

(b)(5) (b)(5) The census of UAC in ORR care reached a historic high of nearly 12,000 UAC in December 2016. (b)(5) (b)(5) (b)(5) As a result, by April, the number of UAC in ORR care had plummeted to approximately 2,400, and remained at 2,300-2,400 until mid-June. To make responsible use of ORR's appropriation, the program reduced its permanent shelter bed capacity by 3,053 beds.

However, today the picture is very different. The census today is 7,045 UAC in care, more than double the number of UAC in care since August and up nearly 1,500 UAC from just 30 days ago. At present, the elevated level of referrals outpaces discharges. Over the past seven days, an average of 44 more UAC have entered ORR care daily through referral from DHS than have exited through discharge. (b)(5) (b)(5)

In estimating the need for shelter space, HHS uses a Bed Capacity Model developed by staff of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). This econometric model estimates beds required, given assumptions regarding the average number of referrals in each month and the time in care. The Bed Capacity Model does not in any way predict the number of UAC that are likely to enter the US. On November 20th, ORR reached the 85% maximum

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capacity target and has remained at or above that target since that date. ORR is currently at 88% of current shelter capacity, and there are 925 open beds (of 7,970 beds total).

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(b)(5) The week of May 11-17, average daily referrals were 35 UAC/day. That number has climbed to 135 UAC/day for the current seven-day period.

(b)(5) On November 26, DHS referred 187 UAC to ORR, (b)(5)

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CAPACITY TARGET (85%)

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(b)(5) At the 90% occupancy threshold, larger numbers of UAC begin exceeding the 72 hour mark. At approximately 95% occupancy, major backups into Border Stations begin.

85% occupancy is also the minimum occupancy level for use of Temporary Influx Shelter capacity. Under the terms of the Flores Settlement Agreement, temporary influx shelter capacity in licensure-exempt sites is permitted in "emergencies" which is generally considered to be at or above the 85% occupancy threshold. Operationally, "influx" is defined as UAC in care attaining or exceeding the 85% threshold.

CONTINGENCY PLANS

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U.S. Repatriation Program
State of Alaska

Tentative Agenda

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Sections to be completed by DRA URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

Refugees in the following categories receive service priority:

- New arrivals in their first year in the U.S.
- Those receiving cash assistance
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

Refugee Social Services dollars are provided to Catholic Social Services to provide employment and employability services in the Anchorage area. The services are provided through classes administered by CSS. CSS prioritizes refugees receiving RCA, however over the past two years the agency has been provided certain ESL and job-training classes to refugees receiving TANF. CSS is working out a current plan to serve TANF eligible refugees with additional pass through funding from the grantee in the state that provides TANF.

- Services to Older Refugees Set-Aside:
  - Alaska does not receive SOR funding.

- Cuban/Haitian Set-Aside:
  - Alaska does not receive C/H funding.

- School Impact Set-Aside:
  - Catholic Social Services receives School Impact money to assist in supporting arriving refugee families with school-age children. The Newcomer Center in Anchorage receives funding to support refugee children in Anchorage. The Anchorage School district continues to be one of the most diverse in the country, especially given the population size of Alaska.

3. Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) Formula

Alaska ***does not receive*** Targeted Assistance Grant money due to the limited number of refugees arriving in the state.

County Name	Refugees	C-H Entrants	Asylees	SIVs	Total	Total Allocation Amount
N/A						

V. Discretionary Grants

State Administered Discretionary Grants in Alaska.

1. Targeted Assistance Discretionary

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Alaska was recently awarded Targeted Assistance discretionary funding. The focus of the TAG program will be on supporting refugees who need to develop stronger career pathways for job development. (b)(5)

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2. Health Promotion

Catholic Social Services, Inc. in Anchorage is awarded $75,000 in Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funds. The majority of RHP funds are utilized to support partial Catholic Social Services staff positions, including, a Refugee Health Care Coordinator (RHCC), case managers, the SRC, a Discretionary Grants Coordinator, an Education and Employment Coordinator, an Education and Employment Specialist, and other administrative positions within the agency. The RHCC provides medical case management for refugees who need health and mental health services. Case managers work with the RHCC to coordinate healthcare services. Healthcare education classes are provided by the RHCC, and the Education and Employment Coordinator and Specialist. RHP funds also support interpretation and transportation for health-related services.

Discretionary Grants Administered by Resettlement Agency or Other Service Providers

1. Survivors of Torture Program

Alaska does not operate a Survivors of Torture Program.

2. Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program

Grantees are funded in the Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program (RAPP) to develop strategies that incorporate agriculture and food systems to improve the livelihoods and economic self-sufficiency of refugee families, with particular emphasis on newly arrived refugees. The strategies employed by the agencies are aimed towards developing a sustainable and/or supplemental income, improve access to healthy foods and better nutrition, and enhance integration into communities by refugee families. The organizations are required to provided 1) Access to land for agricultural purposes, 2) Training and Technical Assistance, and 3) Farming Production.

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	CONTACT
Catholic Social Services, Inc.	Anchorage	AK	9/30/16	9/29/19	$90,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @cssalaska.org

Catholic Social Services, Inc.

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Sections to be completed by DRA URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

The grantee is in the first year of a three-year project period. While progress for the grant has not been reported yet, the grantee proposed to accomplish the following during its project period:

1. To increase newly arrived refugees' access to healthy foods, enhanced food security, and better nutrition through a hands-on training garden, monthly food security workshops and ongoing technical agriculture assistance.
2. To support the development of new Alaskan refugee farm entrepreneurs by providing participants agribusiness classes, hands-on training on how to manage a for-profit garden, a farmers market stand and ongoing technical assistance.
3. To promote refugee wellbeing, and the successful integration of refugees into their new community through agriculture and customer service based Vocational English classes, and monthly cooking and nutrition classes.

VI. Employment Outcomes

For a state with a large amount of seasonal employment, Alaska has relatively good outcomes for employment. The outcome rate for FY 2016 was 42%, but 87% of those gaining employment met the 90 day retention rate. Alaska does not currently have a Match Grant program.

VII. Major Issues/Concerns

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VIII. Program Highlights/Best Practices

Though a small program, Catholic Social Services continues to provide strong services to newly arriving refugees in Alaska.

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Appendix A - ORR Funding Overview for FY 2016 Alaska

ORR Funding Alaska- FY 2016	
Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA) [1]	$91,386
Social Services (SS) [1]	$128,612
Targeted Assistance Formula (TA-F) [1]	$
Wilson Fish (WF) [2]	$718,916
Refugee School Impact (RSI) [3]	$175,736
Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TA-D) [3]	$
Services to Older Refugees (SOR) [3]	$97,200
Cuban/Haitian (C/H) [3]	$
Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) [3]	$83,055
Matching Grant (MG) [4]	$
Preferred Communities (PC) [5]	$
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) [6]	$

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Sections to be completed by DRA URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

Micro-enterprise Development (MED) [6]	$
Family Child Care Microenterprise Development (RFCCMED) [6]	$
Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECS-H) [6]	$
Refugee Agricultural Partnership (RAPP) [6]	$
Survivors of Torture (SOT) [6]	$
Total	**$1,197,705**

Footnotes: This table represents a snapshot of ORR funding available to date for FY 2015. Amounts may vary as new funding opportunities are awarded and as continuation applications are processed. In addition, amounts may also vary as grantees sub-award funds throughout their network.

[1] CMA amounts listed here are for FY 2015 awards to date. SS and TA-F Grant amounts listed here are for FY 2015 allocations listed in the FY 2015 Final Notices.

[2] WF figures are FY 2014/15 awards for use in FY 2015.

[3] Funding figures for the State Discretionary grants: RSI, TAG-D, SOR, RHP, and C/H are FY 2014/15 awards for use in FY 2015.

[4] FY 2015 MG funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates. MG funds are awarded on a per capita basis, so the funds available within the state are listed here.

[5] FY 2015 PC funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates on a programmatic rather than a per capita basis, so the PC funds available within the state may not be shown on this chart.

[6] Funding figures for the IDA, MED, SOT, ECS-H, and RAPP shown in this table are FY 2014/15 awards for use in FY 2015. These grants are not managed by the state and may be awarded to different organizations within a state.

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State:	Alaska
Profile FFY:	2016

Regional Offices to complete for profile FFY by 5/1 of the current FFY year

ORR Regional Representative:	Jordan Becker			
ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
Previous FFY Numbers	146	11	0	2
ORR Populations Total	159			
Profile FFY Year Numbers	128	20	0	7
ORR Populations Total	155			

Top 5 Countries	Number	% of ORR Popul.
(b)(6)	40	26%
	25	16%
	15	10%
	13	8%
	10	6%

Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program	Total FFY Expenditures
Refuge Cash Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Refugee Medical Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$21,525
Refugee Medical Screening (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	$0

Cash Assistance Levels	Single	Family of 3
Refugee Cash Assistance	$0	$0
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	$0	$923
Wilson/Fish or Public/Private Partnership	$514	$0

CMA Total ORR Authorized FFY Award	$91,386
Refugee Social Services FFY Allocation	$128,612
Targeted Assistance Formula FFY Allocation	$0
State Plan (year last approved)	2017
Current FFY CMA Budget Estimate Total	$0
Monitoring (year last conducted)	2016
Medicaid Expanded State?	Y

FFY OUTCOMES (GPRA-AOGP)	
Employability Services (0-60 months eligible)	
Caseload	236
Entered Employments	98
Outcome Rate	42%
Cash Terminations	45
Termination Rate	52%
Retentions (90-day)	87%
Average Wage	$10.06

ORR Discretionary Grants	Amount
Wilson/Fish	$718,916
Targeted Assistance	$0
Refugee School Impact	$175,736
Services to Older Refugees	$0
Cuban/Haitian Grant	$0
Health Promotion	$83,055
Individual Development Account	$0
Preferred Communities (funded through Volags)	NO
Micro Enterprise Development	$0
Refugee Agricultural Project	$0
Micro-Enterprise Development Home Based Childcare	$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help	$0
Survivors of Torture	$0
Matching Grant	$0
Total ORR Discretionary Funding	$977,707
Total ORR Funding	**$1,197,705**

FFY OUTCOMES (MG)	
Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	N/A
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	N/A
Outcome Rate	#VALUE!
Average Wage	$0.00
Reaching 180 days	N/A
SS on 180-day	N/A
Outcome Rate	#VALUE!

State Refugee Coordinator

(b)(6)

Phone (b)(6)

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State Refugee Health Coordinator

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Monday, August 28, 2017 -

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Monday

10:00am-12:00pm

UAC Site Visit
Site Name: SWK San Diego
Site Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) El Cajon CA (b)(6);(, phone 619-832-2350
Site POC: (b)(6) work 619(b)(6), cell 619-(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6), work 619-(b)(6), cell 619(b)(6); FFS
Meeting participants:

- (b)(6) Regional Director SWK
- (b)(6), VP of Immigration Services SWK
- Program Director (b)(6)
- Lead Case Manager (b)(6)
- Lead Clinician (b)(6)
- Medical Coordinator (b)(6)
- FFS Heidi Staples if available
- CFS (b)(6)

2:00pm- 4:00pm

Refugee Site Visit
Site Name: Alliance for African Assistance
ORR Grants: – WF, MG, PC
Site Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) San Diego, CA (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F)
Site POC: Walter Lam, President ((b)(@alliance-for-africa.org)
Phone: (619) (b)(6)
Meeting participants:

- Walter Lam, President & CEO
- Jimmy Dervishi, Director of Resettlement Services
- (b)(6) Volunteer Coordinator
- (b)(6) lobal Village Program Manager
- , Global Village Marketing Coordinator
- Ms. (b)(6) , Wilson Fish Program Manager
- (b)(6) Employment Specialist for Wilson Fish Program and Matching Grant Program
- (b)(6), Employment Specialist for Wilson Fish Program and Matching Grant Program
- (b)(6), Wilson Fish Case Manager
- (b)(6), Wilson Fish Case Manager
- (b)(6) Preferred Community Program and AmeriCorps
- (b)(6) Preferred Community Program and AmeriCorps

Tuesday

10:00am-12:00pm

Refugee Site Visit
Site Name: Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
ORR Grants: WF, MG, SS, CH

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Site Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) San Diego, CA (b)(6);(b)
Site POC: Robert Moser, CEO ((b)(6) @ccdsd.org)
Phone: (619) (b)(6)
Alternative Contact: Nadine Toppozada, Director of Refugee Services
((b)(6) @ccdsd.org), phone (619) (b)(6) Ext. (b)(6)

Meeting participants:

- Dr. Robert Moser, Executive Director
- Nadine Toppozada, Director of Refugee Services
- (b)(6) Staff Physician, Refugee Health Assessment Program - Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health, University of California, San Diego.
- (b)(6), Health Navigator
- (b)(6), Wilson Fish/Match Grant Case Manager
- (b)(6), Wilson Fish/Match Grant Case Manager
- (b)(6) Employment Specialist
- (b)(6), Employment Specialist
- (b)(6) Ignatian Volunteer
- (b)(6) Ignatian Volunteer

1:30-3:30pm

Refugee Site Visit
Site Name: IRC
ORR Grants: WF, SS, MED, MG, RFCCMED, IDA
Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) San Diego, CA (b)(6);(b)
Site POC
(b)(6) Deputy Director, ((b)(6) @rescue.org)
Phone: (619) (b)(6)
Meeting Participants:

- (b)(6) Regional Director
- (b)(6) Deputy Director, Programs
- (b)(6) Early Employment Manager
- (b)(6) VESL Supervisor
- (b)(6) VESL Instructor
- (b)(6) VESL Instructor
- (b)(6) Youth and Career Development Manager
- (b)(6) Asset Building Manager

Wednesday

10:30 – 11 am

Meet and Greet with State Coordinators
Meeting Location: Wyndham San Diego Bayside, Embarcadero Room
1355 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
See attached list of meeting participants

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11-12pm

State Refugee Coordinator Meeting
Meeting Location: Wyndham San Diego Bayside/ Captain 5 meeting room 1355 North Harbor Drive San Diego, California 92101
Meeting Participants:

- (b)(6) SRC
- (b)(6) SRHC
- Marcela Ruiz, Chief, California Department of Social Services, Immigration and Refugee Branch
- Dan Torres, Director, Immigrant Integration, Office of the Governor

12pm-5pm

State Conference
Meeting Location: Wyndham San Diego Bayside, 1355 North Harbor Drive San Diego, California 92101

Thursday

10:00am-11:00am

Repatriation Meeting
Meeting Location: Wyndham San Diego Bayside, 1355 North Harbor Drive San Diego, California 9210, Porthole room
Invitees:

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)	Will Lightbourne, Director
	Pat Leary, Chief Deputy Director
	Kären Dickerson, Deputy Director
	LeAnn Raffanti, Bureau Chief
	Mary Ann Johnson, Program Manager I
	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)	Kristini Moffitt, Program Manager
	Lynne Olson, Sr. Emergency Services Coordinator
San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services	Cindy Serrano, Assistant Emergency Services Manager
	Mike Antonucci, Emergency Services Manager

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2:30-3:15pm

URM Site Visit
Site Name: Crittenton Services for Children and Families
ORR Grants: UAC Program/ URM program
Site Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Fullerton, CA (b)(6);(b
Site POC: (b)(6), (b)(6) @crittentonsocal.org, cell (909) (b)(6),
work 714-680-9000
Meeting Participants:

- (b)(6) VP Residential Services
- (b)(6) Program Director, Shelter
- (b)(6), VP Foster Care and Adoption Services
- (b)(6) CEO
- (b)(6) Senior Vice President
- (b)(6) Program Director Foster Care

3:15-4:00pm

UAC/ URM Site Visit
Site Name: Crittenton Services for Children and Families
ORR Grants: UAC Program/ URM program
Site Address: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) CA (b)(6);(b)(
Site POC: (b)(6) @crittentonsocal.org, cell (909) (b)(6)
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Meeting Participants:

- (b)(6) VP Residential Services
- (b)(6) Program Director, Shelter
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	ARRIVES SAN TERMINAL 2		
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	900 Bayfront Court San Diego CA 92101 US		
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	Room Type: REG		

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HOTEL	Thursday, 31AUG 2017	

LOS Angeles Airport Marriott (MARRIOTT)
5855 W Century Blvd Los Angeles CA 90045 US

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Phone: 1 310-6415700
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Rate: USD 158.00
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Room Type: GOV

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AIR	Friday, 1SEP 2017		

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Flight Number: 360
Class: S-Coach/Economy
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Depart: 07:05 AM
To: (IAD) Washington Dulles DC, USA
Arrive: 03:09 PM
Stops: Nonstop
Duration: 5 hour(s) 4 minute(s)
Seats: 25D
Status: CONFIRMED
Miles: 2295 / 3672 KM
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Charged to: (b)(6)

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Facility Contact List

Facility Name: Southwest Key San Diego

Facility contact information:

Address (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) CA 9(b)(6);
Phone 619-832-2350
Email (if any)

Administration (facility and corporate)

Name	Title	Phone	Email
Daniela Rios	Program Director	(b)(6)	(b)(6)@swkey.org
Ana Babudar	Assistant Program Director		(b)(6) @swkey.org

Case Management

Name	Title	Phone	Email
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Clinical Services

Name	Title	Phone	Email
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Medical Services

Name	Title	Phone	Email
(b)(6)	Lead Medical Coordinator	(b)(6)	(b)(6) @swkey.org

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Southwest Key San Diego

Shelter

General Information

Description of Program/Specialty

Southwest Key San Diego, Shelter setting, capacity 51 males and 16 females ages 6-17 years old.

Physical Address	Mailing Address	Telephone Fax	Website
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(6);(El Cajon, CA	1253 Broadway PMB 408 El Cajon CA 92021	(619) 828-7311	swkey.org

Language Capabilities: Spanish and English

State Licensing Restrictions: **psychotropic medication**

Capacity of Beds

Total Contracted Beds	Female	Male	Total Capacity
67	16	51	90

Personnel Contact Information

Designation	Name	Telephone	Cell	Fax	Email	Work Hours
Program Director	Daniela Rios	(b)(6)	(b)(6)		(b)(6)	
Assistant Program Director	Ana Babudar					
Lead Case Worker	(b)(6)					
Back-up Case Worker						
Case Worker						
Clinician	(b)(6)					
Clinician						
Placement/Transfer/Emergency Contact	(b)(6)					
Budget Contact	(b)(6)					
ICE Officer	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)			(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Back-up ICE Officer						

Additional Information: None

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Location:	San Diego
Type of Facility:	Shelter
Grant No:	90ZU-149
Project Period:	10/01/2014-09/30/2017
Capacity:	67
FY 17 Funding:	10/01/2016-09/20/2017
Census:	50 males/13 females

Shelter Location	
Address:	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) El Cajon CA (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)
Main Number:	619-832-2350

Primary Point of Contact			
Name	*Title*	*Email*	*Phone*
Daniela Rios	Program Director	(b)(6) @swkey.org	(b)(6)

Primary Point of Contact - ORR/Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services			
Name	*Title*	*Email*	*Phone*
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Heidi Staples	Federal Field Specialist	heidi.staples@acf.hhs.gov	(202) 577- 8083
Patricia Toscano	CFS	patricia.toscano@acf.hhs.gov	(202) 779-2993

Overview
Southwest Key San Diego, Shelter setting, capacity 51 males and 16 females ages 6-17 years old.

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Alliance for African Assistance Programs and Services

Established in 1989 in San Diego, California, Alliance for African Assistance provides multifaceted services to the refugee community that include social, cultural, employment, medical and dental assistance, mental health counseling, immigration and naturalization services, and help with paying phone and utility bills. These are refugees who fled from their home country and cannot return because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

We have successfully resettled more than 12,700 refugees, asylees, and special immigrant visa (SIV) holders from Somalia, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ethiopia, Liberia, Eritrea, Vietnam, Iran, Cuba, Columbia, Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, Burma, Afghanistan, Syria, and Georgia. Additionally, AAA works to provide assistance abroad through its offices in Rome, London and Kampala, Uganda, helping internally displaced persons, immigrants, asylum seekers and victims of torture and war.

The Resettlement Program provides initial assistance and comprehensive services that include preparing host families; securing safe and affordable housing; applying for a social security card, welfare, food stamps and MediCal, obtaining driver's licenses and California identification cards, transportation orientation, food and housing assistance, medical care, and enrolling children in school. Staff then determine the right program for their clients according to their needs and background. The clients who are singles or couples are either placed with the **Matching Grant Program** or with the **Wilson Fish Program** and clients with children and families are placed with the **Preferred Community Program**. AAA's staff is multicultural, multilingual, and has expertise in different core competences. Many of our staff are refugees who have gone through the resettlement process themselves, and all are committed and passionate about helping refugees.

The Matching Grant Program is a program that assists the client in preparing for and finding employment, and aims for self-sufficiency within 4 months of arrival. The job developer meets with the client once they have been determined to be eligible for the Matching Grant program, assists them in writing their resume, and works closely with the client during the job search.

The Wilson Fish Program is a program assisting refugees as well as asylees, victims of human trafficking and Cubans/Haitians. Case Managers help singles and couples achieve early employment and economic self-sufficiency while they receive cash assistance during the process or for up to 8 months. Services provided include case management, workshops focused on acculturation and financial literacy, job readiness training, employment services and five years of social services. Public safety workshops are provided by San Diego Police Department to help refugees feel comfortable and adjust in the United States. The case managers also provide intensive case management to clients who because of their older age, physical disabilities or medical conditions may have more difficulty finding employment.

The Preferred Community (PC) Program **The Preferred Communities (PC) Program** is funded through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to support resettlement of newly arriving refugees with the best opportunities for their self-sufficiency and integration into new communities, and to support refugees with special needs who require intensive case management. The PC program provides intensive case management services to refugees with different barriers to self-sufficiency, including long-term medical conditions, mental health needs, social adjustment needs, and others. The PC program ensures that clients are connected to all possible resources, and assists them with learning how to navigate the American systems. The PC AmeriCorps program also provides job readiness training to newly arrived refugees having difficulties in finding employment, creating opportunities for early employment and sustained economic independence.

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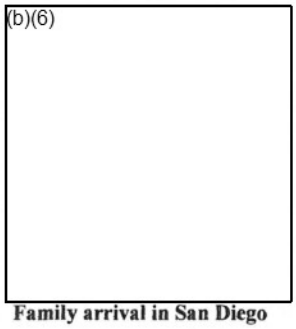
Providing job readiness training to the PC Program clients.

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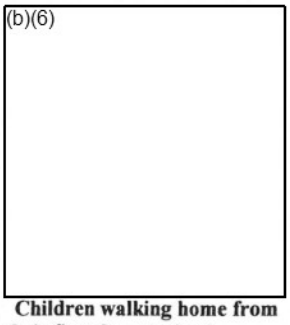
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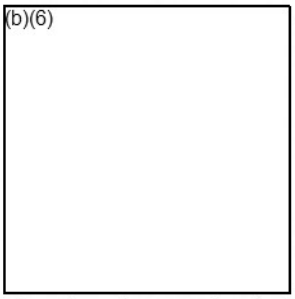
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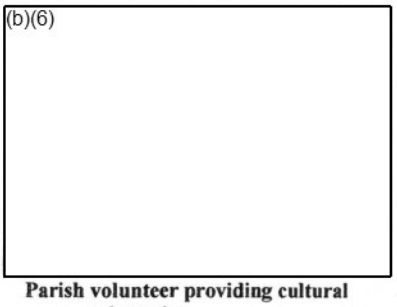
Family arrival in San Diego



Children walking home from their first day at school



Ignatian volunteer welcoming a new arrival



Parish volunteer providing cultural orientation

Since 1919, Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego (CCDSD) has been serving the poor and the marginalized residing in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Our Mission is to live the gospel message contained in Matthew 25: and to exemplify the values of mercy and justice. Part of that Mission is welcoming and advocating for "the stranger", for the immigrants and refugees who resettle in our region. Since 1975, 86,533 primary refugees have been sponsored by the various Volags in San Diego, and since 2009, San Diego is the primary resettlement site in California. During the past 42 years, Catholic Charities has participated as an affiliate of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to assist over 41,000 refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants and SIVs from countries around the globe. Catholic Charities prides itself in being an innovator of service system delivery and a collaborator with private and public entities at the local, state and federal levels to achieve substantive outcomes that advance the well-being and self-sufficiency of those with whom we share their journey of becoming new Americans. Two of the ORR-funded programs that best illustrate this legacy of faithful stewardship are the Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) and the Wilson/Fish Program.

Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP): Since 1985, under contract from the County of San Diego, Catholic Charities has implemented this federally-funded program, which has touched nearly 58,000 refugees. The only non-profit, non-governmental provider of this service in the country, CCDSD works with the County Department of Public Health and the University of California at San Diego, Department of Preventive Medicine to provide a comprehensive health screening within the first 30 days of arrival to San Diego County. CCDSD health navigators conduct intake, orientation, initial review of symptoms, health education, referral and follow-up, while UCSD medical staff performs the phlebotomy, nursing and clinical functions. The primary purpose of the program is to identify health and mental health needs, to protect the public health and to connect refugees to health care home. The health exam includes immunizations for children, a review of medical history and test results, a physical examination and referrals to healthcare providers in the community.

The Wilson/Fish Project: Prior to 1990, the Welfare System was the resettlement milieu for most refugees across the country, including San Diego. Enabled by the passage in 1984 of the Wilson/Fish Amendment to the Refugee Act, the national Volags solicited and then selected San Diego to pursue being a private-sector alternative to that system. In 1990, CCDSD became the first such alternative, and as the longest operating Wilson/Fish (WF) Project in the country, we have consistently and clearly demonstrated higher outcome levels in terms of employment and earnings, earlier and longer self-sufficiency, and lower costs and dependency rates than exists within the public sector system. Since 1999, the San Diego Wilson/Fish Project includes all of the voluntary resettlement agencies, and we currently serve all time-eligible (i.e., < 8 months) Refugee Cash Assistance refugees and asylees in San Diego County.,

The WF Project directly distributes RCA and provides Employment, Acculturation, and Case Management services. ***Employment services*** enable self-reliance and economic self-sufficiency. The Employment team focuses on providing services in the area of job search, job skills, job development, vocational skills training and building relationships with employers in the community. The team coaches clients one-on-one to assess clients for employability, skills and experience, assign appropriate employment activities, and develop a job search plan with client participation. They work in close coordination with the case management and acculturation teams. They help clients refine their resumes, prepare for job interviews, assist clients with orientation to the work environment, and identify job fairs and employment interview opportunities. The team also teaches a series of Job Readiness Workshops to foster necessary skills for the application and interview processes, and to enable newcomers to be successful in the U.S. job market. They act as liaisons between the employer and the job seeker; matching the right candidate and their experience to the employer's needs, and following up on any issues that arise. The placement success rate by RCA expiration for FY16 was 83.51%. ***Acculturation services*** enable successful community integration and assist in removing barriers to self-sufficiency that result from a lack of familiarity with the American culture. Communicative and socio-cultural competencies are the foundation for the success of acculturation and integration. The program uses an experiential, intercultural learning model that pays attention to the value systems and cultural traditions clients bring with them as well as those that make up the fabric of American society. The Acculturation curriculum covers San Diego Culture, Mapping Resources and Engaging with the Community, Financial Competency, Basic Laws and Regulations, Educational Opportunities, among other topics. Catholic Charities' acculturation program has been recognized nationally as an innovative initiative fostering clients' resiliency and sense of belonging. ***Case management services*** enable needs and problems to be identified and addressed as quickly as possible and enhance the achievement of objectives through the regular monitoring of a refugee's progress and performance by the use of assessment tools and individualized Self-Sufficiency Plans (SSP). The assessment tools reflect our staff's training on trauma-informed, person-centered services. Case Managers assess clients through personal interviews and assist them to build their future by removing barriers to employment or social integration. They provide case management to clients from date of arrival through 12 months, or up to 60 months if needed.

Catholic Charities
Diocese of San Diego

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Catholic Charities Address: (b)(6) **San Diego, CA** (b)(6)

Restaurants located (b)(6) **from the office:**

Tio Leo's Mexican Restaurant
6333 Mission Gorge Rd
Quick bite · Great cocktails · Cozy

The Purple Mint Vegetarian Bistro
6171 Mission Gorge Rd #118
Easygoing, family-run eatery preparing meatless Pan-Asian dishes, plus fruit smoothies & iced teas.

King Of Thai cuisine
6171 Mission Gorge Rd
Asian Restaurant with vegetarian options
Chinese & Thai fare, including curries, soups & noodle dishes.

Souplantation
6171 Mission Gorge Rd
Buffet chain serving health-conscious American eats with from-scratch soups, salads, pastas & more.

Restaurants located (b)(4) **miles from the office:**

Troy's Greek Restaurant
10450 Friars Rd Suite F

Saigon Star
10450 Friars Rd Suite
Vietnamese and Chinese dishes

Himalayan Curry & Grill
10330 Friars Rd
Nepalese and Indian Cuisine

Black Angus Steakhouse
10370 Friars R
Chain offers beef, seafood & surf 'n' turf combos plus traditional sides amid Western-themed decor.

Near / Recommended by AAA

Hadramout Restaurant
5841 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92115
(619) 230-5402

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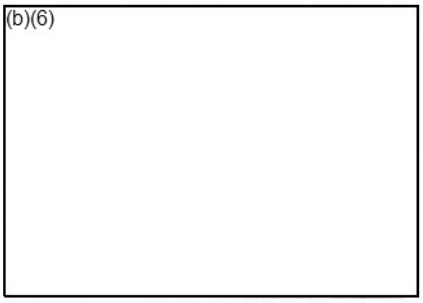
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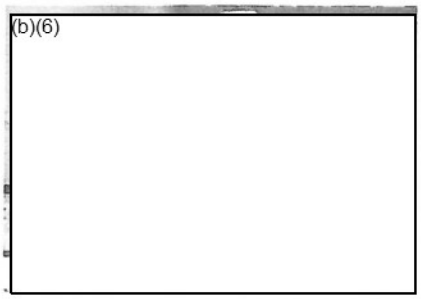
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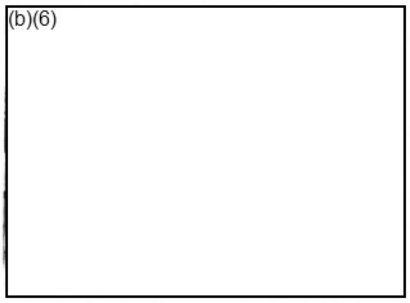
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Thousands of refugee families, who have escaped persecution and violence, are invited by the US Government every year to seek safety and freedom in the United States. IRC in San Diego, one of the earliest resettlement offices established in 1975, resettles around 1,000 refugees each year and assists them to build new lives and thrive in their new home. Most of these families are now a vibrant part of the San Diego community – shopping in grocery stores, playing soccer in the park, and working alongside their American colleagues with employers across our region. While in some ways resettlement is the last step in a long journey, in many ways, it is also just the first step in rebuilding a life torn apart by violence and war. And because it is just a first step, the IRC in San Diego offers a continuum of programs designed to support families holistically – programs that four out of five refugees resettled by the IRC access within their first three years in the U.S. With over 80 full and part-time staff across two locations and over 400 volunteers contributing more than 30,000 hours each year, the IRC in San Diego supports individuals as they work to improve their economic stability and future prospects. Funding for the following programs is provided specifically by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

ORR funds help IRC serve over 9,500 people each year in San Diego







Vocational ESL+

IRC's unique bilingual vocational English as a Second Language Program or *VESL Plus* provides comprehensive, intensive classes that build the English knowledge, employability, financial literacy, transportation skills, and computer skills of refugees new to our community and eager to begin working. In fewer than three months, the IRC prepares these adults to take entry-level jobs that are central to our local economy – jobs with local partners in hospitality, food services, manufacturing, communications and more.

Microenterprise

For some families, the path to financial self-sufficiency can be entrepreneurship. We are proud to have helped 268 local entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses in 2016 through a two-pronged approach: Staff business counselors provide intensive technical assistance, and IRC provides loans of up to $15,000–ensuring refugees have both the knowledge and capital they need to succeed. From jewelry stores to auto shops, refugees are achieving financial sustainability and also providing employment to San Diegans.

Childcare

In-Home Childcare Licensing Program graduates gain the skills and support they need to fulfill California licensing requirements to start their own childcare businesses during the free, three-week program. The training focuses on microenterprise development and family childcare, with IRC providing intensive services from enrollment, through licensing, and continued technical assistance and trainings to sustain successful childcare businesses, which in turn help refugee families achieve stability.

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Crittenton Services for Children & Families
Southern California

Crittenton (formally, Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc.) is a multi-service child welfare agency chartered in 1966. We are part of an alliance of agencies founded in 1883 by Charles Crittenton. The first "Florence Crittenton Night Mission" was established in New York to combat trafficking and to help girls and young women find a safe place of healing and compassion. His work to combat trafficking lead to the publication of "Trafficked Girls", addressing the issue of Chinese girls forced into prostitution to serve the railroad workers building. This work was expanded by Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, an advocate for maternal and child health. Dr. Barrett became the first female paid agent of the federal government working to eradicate trafficking of Irish girls to the States. The family of Crittenton agencies all has unique missions, programs, and services and all operate independently. However, a shared sense of purpose and a proud history unite us in service to the most vulnerable.

Crittenton's programs and services comply with all legal and regulatory requirements and are nationally accredited by both the Council on Accreditation (COA) and The Joint Commission (TJC). Headquartered in Fullerton (Orange County), Crittenton also maintains offices in the counties of San Diego, Riverside (Moreno Valley), San Bernardino, and Los Angeles (Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, Norwalk, and Pomona). Programs include residential care, shelter care, foster care and adoptions, family preservation and family reunification, wraparound (in-home) services, transitional youth services, and mental health services. All programs and services provided to youth in domestic child welfare are also available to Refugee youth.

Crittenton began serving unaccompanied youth under a collaborative agreement with the Office of Refugee Resettlement March 2006. In addition to shelter care, Crittenton expanded to include long term foster care and home study/post release services. With the encouragement and support of Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services (LIRS), Crittenton began a contract with the State of California, Refugee Services Bureau in 2008 to serve Unaccompanied Refugee [redacted]nors. Programs include:

Welcome Center. Crittenton provides a safe, nurturing environment for those new arrivals who may need time to adjust to a new culture and language. Specialty-trained staff provide structure, guidance, and opportunity for play. The local school district co-locates a special classroom, supplemented by ESL instruction, computer lab, and tutors. Comprehensive assessments, both physical health and emotional wellbeing are provided, and an individualized case plan developed.
Intensive Treatment. Crittenton currently provides one group facility for girls (boys home opening 12/1/2017) for URM who have developmental challenges, mental health issues, or special needs.
Family-Based Care. Crittenton provides foster homes in five counties that provide nurturing family environment for URM to age 21.
Transition Age Youth Programs. All youth aged 16 and over work with their Case Manager to develop a Transitional Living Plan, focusing on job readiness, life skills, and a vocational training/education plan after high school graduation. At age 18, youth may remain in foster care or transition to subsidized housing options that include ongoing case management. Transition services are available to age 21, age 23 if youth continue in college or have other qualifying conditions.
Community Engagement. We feel that feeling of safety and acceptance are critical deterrents to gang involvement, radicalization, or self-harm. Crittenton engages with the community to ensure enriched experiences for our youth, including volunteer programs, tutors, and mentors. We have strong support from service clubs and the faith community. Connecting youth to positive, pro-social activities in the community such as sports leagues, Boys & Girls Clubs, and the YMCA providing healthy outlets, fosters positive peer relations, and builds strong interpersonal skills. Many of our youth also participate in [redacted]ocational training through ROP and are eligible for Jobs Corps after high school. We are also proud of our URM who serve our [redacted]ntry in the military.

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Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URMs) Program

Background

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program was developed in the late 1970s to address the needs of children who entered the U.S. as refugees without a parent or guardian to care for them. Over the years Congress has passed additional legislation authorizing URM eligibility to other categories of unaccompanied children such as asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, trafficking victims, certain Special Immigrant Juveniles, and U-visa recipients. Eligible children are placed into the URM program and receive the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other children in the State, including those identified in the State's plans under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Grantee/Administration

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is the agency responsible for administering the URM program in Northern and Southern California. The Refugee Program Bureau (RPB) contracts for URM services with two licensed child welfare agencies, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC—a USCCB affiliate) and Florence Crittenton Services (FCS) for Children and Families (FCS—a LIRS affiliate) for provision of direct URM services.

The CDSS division of County Care Licensing (CCL) conducts annual reviews of CCSCC and Crittenton to ensure appropriate services are being provided in compliance with federal and state child welfare and licensing laws and regulations

Legal Responsibility

In California, a county-administered private custody state, CCSCC and FCS, obtain legal custody for children in their care. As a result of being in private agency custody, URMs in California do not qualify for the Education and Training Vouchers (ETVs) which are partially funded through the state's allocation from the Children's Bureau. To achieve parity of services, RPB provides ORR-funded equivalent educational training or services for eligible youth.

Placements

CCSCC, in northern California is affiliated with and receives placements from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). FCS, in southern California is affiliated with and receives placements from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS).

Since its inception in 2009, FCS has grown rapidly in response to ORR's urgent needs for newly-entering youth from Central America.

URMs Served by California in FY 2016		
City: San Jose	Agency Name: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	102
City: Fullerton and San Diego	Agency Name: Crittenton Services for Children and Families	154
Total for California		256

Data in the above table was drawn from the URM database on 3/15/17 and is subject to change as database records are reconciled.

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Crittenton Shelter and Crittenton Long-Term Foster Care

Location:	Fullerton, CA
Type of Facility:	Shelter Care & Foster Care
Grant No:	90ZU0227 (shelter) and 90ZU0165 (long-term foster care)
Project Period:	February 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018
Capacity:	UCP Shelter: Total reduced capacity of 52 UCs and 6 infants/toddlers Harbor House: 24 males ages 8-18. *Hope House: 12 males, ages 8-18 Pine cottage: 16 females, ages 12-17 (additionally 6 infants/toddlers). (Please note clients are accepted at ages younger than 8 but requires a licensing waiver which can take 2-3 days.) *Note: Hope can serve either males or females depending on need.
FY 17 Funding:	Shelter: Total Capacity for 58 $8,378,299 Foster Care: Total Capacity for 60 $ 2,282,851
Census:	Shelter: total capacity 52 UCs plus 6 infants/toddlers Foster Care: total capacity 60 UCs

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FOSTER CARE LOCATION:
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Overview

UCP Shelter: Crittenton Services for Children and Families, Unaccompanied Children's Program provides temporary shelter care and other related services to children in Office of Refugee and Resettlement (ORR) custody. The clients served range from age 8 through his/her 18th birthday (younger children may be served but require a waiver from Community Care Licensing). Additionally, Crittenton is equipped to take pregnant and parenting teenage mothers and youth with medical, emotional, and/or behavioral issues. Given its long term experience working with youth with complex needs, Crittenton accepts placements that would be considered "therapeutic group home" and "therapeutic staff secure". The Southern California location provides access to resources to accommodate youth from many cultures. All shelter staff are bi-lingual (English/Spanish) and other languages and cultural competencies are easily provided as needed. Countries served since 2006 include: China, India, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq, Columbia, Equador, Peru, New Zealand, and Canada.

Services provided include shelter/group home; case management; medical services; education/academic and cultural enrichment; recreational activities; counseling and mental health; chemical dependency as indicated; pregnancy prevention and counseling; parenting as indicated. Over the course of the past year, the shelter program has seen significant changes in the client's length of stay. Due to this, the agency has made adjustments to case management, clinical and medical department schedules so as to accommodate the rapid rate of intake and discharge. These changes have increased Crittenton's ability to assess each client in a timely manner, provide appropriate referrals, and find necessary community resources for each client. Further, this has

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also allowed the program to meet ORR contract requirements in relation to discharge timelines. All programs and services are trauma-informed and are nationally accredited.

Crittenton Long-Term Foster Care: Crittenton primarily provides long term foster care placements; however, we also provide transitional foster care as needed. Crittenton Foster Family Agency (FFA) has 73 certified foster homes and two foster homes pending final certification, located throughout 5 counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego. Crittenton FFA has an office in two locations: Fullerton (Orange County) and Moreno Valley (Riverside County). An additional office in San Diego County is in the process of becoming licensed. Crittenton FFA is licensed to serve children from birth up to 21 years-of-age; however per-contract, DCS-funded youth can remain in the program only until the age of 18.

Crittenton Services LTFC program has been 99 % successful of establishing Legal Residency to the DCS children we have served in 2015-2016 and plan to continue with equal success in the future. Crittenton F.C. has established and maintained a positive working relationship with Immigrant Defenders, which works diligently in coordination with the Social Worker, to meet the child's legal needs. Additionally, since the inception of our program, we have established positive working relationships with the local courts that have a clear understanding of our program (s).

The management team, along with the Masters Level Social Workers have developed community collaboration with many agencies to meet the needs of the children in our care, i.e. Mental Health, psychiatry, medical, dental, as well as advocating and educating teachers, and administration at the local High Schools , Junior High's and English Language Development facilities in the community. Despite many of the DCS youth in our program enter care with very limited academic history; many of the youth have demonstrated educational success with the continued advocacy of the Foster Care staff as well as the foster parent.

Crittenton LTFC, employs three Master Level clinicians to offer Mental Health services to the child/minor in the home, assisting with transition, depressions, adjustment, and offers family sessions to assist the minor in all areas of mental health while in the foster home. The clinical department also offers weekly Drug and Alcohol education classes for the youth in our care. A significant advantage that Crittenton's LTFC program has is the ability to collaborate between the Crittenton UAC Shelter which is a DCS funded shelter. The ability to discuss referrals, share the same FFS, GDIT, and ICE agent seamlessly streamlines the continuity of care of the minor, facilitates communication, and maintains a best practice approach. Additionally, the Crittenton LTFC program offers an Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program and once the DCS youth is designated as a URM to the State of California, the youth is able to remain in the same foster home until all services are exhausted, maintaining consistent relationships, and social, emotional, and academic stability.

Additionally, the support and collaboration of the shared Case Management/Family Reunification services of the Crittenton UCP shelter, and the continued development and training of the LTFC Social Worker to maintain family exploration, has resulted in many youth being reunified with

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family across the nation. Crittenton does not anticipate any difficulty maintaining this standard of care. All Crittenton Services LTFC program staff was trained by Kevin Campbell in Family Finding and Engagement (sponsored by Crittenton Services), which has facilitated successful Sponsor reunification for the youth.

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Office of Refugee Resettlement
U.S. Repatriation Program
Tentative agenda
August 31, 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. **Introduction**

2. **Memorandum of Understanding between ACF and ASPR**
   a. Brief overview
   b. MOU and state impact

3. **Emergency Repatriation**
   a. Update and Ontario Intenational Airport
   b. Federal assistance and CA SERP revision
   c. Los Angeles International Airport and potential planning
   d. Potential CA SERP exercise

4. **Non-Emergency Repatriation**
   a. Open dialogue of potential issues/concerns

5. **Other**

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2. ***Support during SERP development:*** ASPR will help identify and connect the state with the appropriate DOD POC who will be assistance during SERP planning.

III. EMERGENCY REPATRIATION

a. **Ask** the State to provide an update about ONT airport

b. **Advise:** We would like to continue working with you and to use CA SERP as model plan to other states.

- **Ask:** whether CA is interested in authorizing the Federal government to use its SERP as a Model plan once approved by ORR.

- **Ask:** deadline to submit SERP. It is my understanding that you have a deadline to submit your SERP. We want to work with you in extending this deadline. Would October 30th work? Do you need any assistance with your SERP development?

c. **Ask:** HHS would like to know whether the state is able to include LAX as part of their SERP. If so, how can HHS support you?

d. **Advise:** It is my understanding that late last year you had a discussion with Elizabeth about potentially exercising your CA SERP. We want to support you, but have no money. Please let us know how we can help you.

- We would like, if possible, to expand this exercise to invite other states and federal partners to be observers. This can be used as a great training and networking opportunity.

IV. NON-EMERGENCY REPATRIATION

a. Open dialogue of potential issues/concerns, recommendations

V. OTHER

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U.S. Repatriation Program
Meeting with California (8-31-17)
Draft Talking Points

Acronyms

ASPR: Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
DTA: Department of Transitional Assistance
EMG: Emergency Management Group (ASPR)
EOC: State Emergency Operation Center
ISS-USA: International Social Services (grantee)
MEMA: Emergency Management Agency (state)
NERP: National Emergency Repatriation Plan
POC: Point of Contact
RECs: Regional Emergency Coordinators (ASPR)
SERP: State Emergency Repatriation Plan
SOC: Secretary Operations Center

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California Office of Refugee Health
Estimates for Refugee Medical Assistance, Refugee Health Assessments, & Administration Costs Justification
FY 2018

Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

a. RMA Recipient Costs:

1. Rationale for estimating the number of RMA Recipients:

According to the U.S. Department of State's fiscal year 2018 Reception and Placement Program Resettlement Agency's (RA) proposals, the following is the proposed arrivals for California:

Affiliate	*Individuals with U.S. Ties*	*Individuals without U.S. Ties*	*Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)*	**Total Proposed for FY 2018 *(Individuals)***
IRC – Glendale	500	0	50	550
USCCB – Glendale	100	0	80	180
USCRI – Glendale	375	75	260	710
CWS – Los Angeles	190	0	40	230
EMM – Los Angeles	75	10	25	110
HIAS – Los Angeles	105	0	5	110
LIRS – Los Angeles	30	20	20	70
HIAS – Los Gatos	105	0	60	165
WR – Modesto	130	55	140	325
WR – North Highlands	500	0	600	1,100
IRC – Oakland	160	20	200	380

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USCCB – Oakland	55	0	90	145
USCRI – Oakland	55	0	45	100
CWS – Sacramento	70	0	900	970
IRC – Sacramento	390	10	900	1,300
USCCB – Sacramento	42	0	48	90
USCRI – Sacramento	75	25	300	400
USCCB – San Bernardino	5	0	30	35
ECDC – San Diego	270	110	145	525
HIAS – San Diego	185	165	50	400
IRC – San Diego	415	500	85	1,000
USCCB – San Diego	195	190	76	461
IRC – San Jose	50	60	40	150
USCCB – San Jose	14	0	36	50
IRC – Turlock	130	220	100	450
HIAS – Walnut Creek	15	25	110	150
STATE TOTAL	**4,236**	**1,485**	**4,435**	**10,156**

However, based on previous historical data the RA proposed arrivals are always increased by 20% (n=2031) for a total of 12,187 new refugees in FY 2018. In addition, the Office of Refugee Resettlement provided the following FY 2018 arrival estimates: 15,000 entrants, 7,000 SIVs, 25,000 asylees, and 1,000 trafficking victims. Thus, with the latter ORR estimates and based on California's FY 2017 data, we estimate that California will receive 2000 asylees, 500 secondary refugees, 100 VOTs, 1000 walk-in SIVs and 100 Cuban/Haitian entrants this year.

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2. **Arrival Estimates:**

Based on data from PRM, RAs, and our program, California's arrival estimates for FY 2018 are as follows:

• Refugees	12,187
• Asylees	2,000
• Secondary Refugees	500
• VOTs	100
• Walk-in SIVs	1000
• Cuban & Haitian Entrants	100
Totals:	15,887

3. **Monthly average cost per RMA recipient:**

California provides RMA benefits which are the same as for regular Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The cost estimated and presented in this document include costs for fee-for-service medical providers (1st month of arrival), managed care plans, dental services, mental health services, and developmental health services.

The monthly average cost per unit is $370. This monthly average cost per unit is based on the actual monthly expenditures for RMA claims during the last three years, divided by the average number of beneficiaries during the same period. This is the RMA estimated cost per unit we will use to calculate the annualized total estimates for FY 2018.

4. **Monthly average of RMA recipients entering the program:**

Table 1 below shows the number of RMA recipients currently enrolled whose RMA eligibility will cross from FY 2017, and new expected arrivals in FY 2018:

Table 1 – RMA Recipient Monthly Loads and Costs

MONTH	CARRY OVER FROM FY 2017	ESTIMATED MONTHLY NEW RECIPIENTS IN FY 2018	TOTAL FY 2018 ESTIMATED MONTHLY AVERAGE	ESTIMATED COST PER UNIT	ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST
October	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000

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November	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
December	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
January	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
February	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
March	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
April	100	100	200	$ 370	$74,000
May		100	100	$ 370	$37,000
June		100	100	$ 370	$37,000
July		100	100	$ 370	$37,000
August		100	100	$ 370	$37,000
September		100	100	$ 370	$37,000
Grand *Total	700	1,200	1,900	$ 370	$703,000

* For the purpose of completing the FY 2018 ORR-1 Cash and Medical Assistance Program Estimates form, Section 2-a (RMA Recipient Cost), we divided the estimated monthly user total in table above by 12 months which equals 159 recipients per month.

b. RMA Administration Cost:

Personnel Services	**Yearly Salary**
0.15 FTE's Salaries and Wages	$ 11,000

These positions are for Medi-Cal Eligibility Division to oversee eligibility requirements for refugee medical assistance; preparing and distributing All County Welfare Directors letters related to RMA eligibility, requirements, and procedures; respond to county inquiries pertaining to eligibility requirements; conduct annual RMA case monitoring; implement enhances to MEDS; monitor adherence to RMA regulations; provide training to local eligibility staff; preparing correspondence pertaining to program eligibility requirements, etc.

Fringe Benefits (49.2%)	$ 5,500
California requires a 49.2% fringe benefit rate based on total salaries and wages: $11,000 x 49.2% = $5,500	
Total Salaries and Fringe Benefit	**$ 16,500**

These positions are required for the overall management and oversight of the Refugee Medical Assistance program.

Operating Expenses	
General Expense (supplies, copying, etc.)	$ 2,000
Communication (state standard costs)	$ 1,000
Facilities Operations (state standard costs)	$ 4,000

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Consolidated Data Center/Enhancement to MEDS	$	20,500
Total Operating Expenses	**$**	**27,500**
TOTAL ESTIMATED DHCS ADMINISTRATION COSTS	**$**	**44,000**

c. Medical Screening & County Administration Cost:

1. Breakdown of cost for each medical screening provided:

California provides culturally and linguistically-appropriate comprehensive health assessments to newly arrived refugees, asylees, special immigrant visa holders, federally-certified victims of severe forms of trafficking, and other eligible entrants. The Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) focuses not only on screening of and prevention of communicable diseases, but also on identification and diagnosis of chronic diseases and other important medical and mental health conditions. The assessment also includes assessment of immunization status for children and adults and referral to health providers for further medical evaluation, treatment, and follow-up of chronic and other important medical and mental health conditions.

Because of the large geographical area and the large volume of medical screenings conducted in California, contractual award agreements are required with nine impacted local health departments (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Stanislaus) to provide services to new arrivals. Annual local subvention awards are allocated to these impacted counties based on anticipated number of arrivals, staffing needs for intake, nursing, medical provider and other factors, such as cost-of-living differentials. Thus, the award to each county is negotiated. However, cost per medical screening unit calculated below is considered as an estimate. Furthermore, in California the Medi-Cal rates are extremely low for medical providers, thus, RMA funds are needed to fund local public health departments to ensure that Refugees have adequate health services. However, Medi-Cal does reimburse for the necessary labs and immunizations if they are performed within the first 30 days of the Medi-Cal application and then no RMA funds are needed for those services.

We calculated the estimated average cost per health assessment based on the following factors:

a. Age brackets provided by ORR.

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b. Three-year arrival average broken down by adults/children (34% of all arrivals are children under 18 years of age; 66% of all arrivals are 18 years of age and older).
c. Estimated costs for medical exams per refugee for adults/children provided by ORR.

2. **Cost per health assessment:**

Based on the criteria listed above, the following costs were calculated per health assessment which is completed in two visits:

a. Children (less than18 years of age): $240.41/assessment

b. Adults (18 years of age or greater): $274.02/assessment

For detailed calculations of per assessment costs see Attachment A.

3. **County Health Assessment Administrative FY 2018 cost:**

Responsible for coordinating the program planning and oversight activities at the local refugee health assessment programs to ensure the compliance with California State established guidelines during the delivery of post-arrival health assessments

The total administrative cost (including operational costs) to fund nine local refugee health county programs (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Diego & Stanislaus) is $1,143,855.

4. **Projected FY 2018 caseload and anticipated carry over from FY 2017:**

Currently, the average length of time between refugee arrival/adjudication date and scheduling of the first appointment to start the medical screening is approximately 10-20 days. The process period between the start and completion of the health assessment is approximately 15-25 days -- it takes at least two clinic visits for the completion of the medical screening and referrals. Therefore, the average time from refugee arrival/adjudication date to completion of health assessment is 30-50 days. We anticipate approximately 1000 refugees to carry over from FY 2017. These screenings should be completed by October 31, 2017.

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Table 2 below shows the monthly health assessment workloads for FY 2018, based on arrival projections by PRM, California RAs, and our program:

Table 2 – Health Assessment Monthly Workload

Refugees & SIVs(12,187 ÷ 12)	**1,016**
Asylees* (2,000 x 50% = 1,000 ÷ 12)	**83**
Secondary Refugees (500÷ 12)	**42**
Victims of Trafficking (100 ÷ 12)	**9**
Cuban/Haitian Entrants (100 ÷ 12)	**9**
Walk-in SIVs (1,000÷ 12)	**83**
Carry over from 2017 (1,000÷ 12)	**83**
Total Estimated Monthly Load for 2018 ***Total for FY 2018 (1,325 x 12)**	**1,325** **(15,900)**

*The estimated monthly load for asylees is based on an average of actual number of asylees served during the last three years and projections from California immigration partners. This year we expect to serve approximately 1,000 new asylees in California. The reasons why more asylees don't seek our services may be because they already have jobs with medical insurance and do not require our screening services, or they may not be aware that they are entitled to medical screening services, which has been the case in several instances.

5. **Cost per health assessment (Attachment A):**

   a. Children (less than18 years of age): $240/assessment

   b. Adults (18 years of age or greater): $274/assessment

These costs per assessment will be used in our estimates below. Table 3 below shows the estimated monthly average of health assessments and costs for children less than 18 years of age (34% of total estimated arrivals). Approximately 340 Children will arrive in late September 2017 and will be carried over into FY 2018:

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Table 3 - Children (0-17 years of age) (34% of total refugees)

Month	Carry Over from 2017	Estimated Monthly Recipients in 2018	Estimated Unit Cost	Estimated Monthly Cost
October	340	456	$240	$191,040
November		450	$240	$108,000
December		450	$240	$108,000
January		450	$240	$108,000
February		450	$240	$108,000
March		450	$240	$108,000
April		450	$240	$108,000
May		450	$240	$108,000
June		450	$240	$108,000
July		450	$240	$108,000
August		450	$240	$108,000
September		450	$240	$108,000
Total Children	340	5,406	$240	$1,379,040

Table 4 below shows the estimated monthly average of health assessments and costs for adults - 18 years of age or greater (66% of total estimated arrivals). Approximately 660 adults will arrive in late September 2017 and will be carried over into FY 2018.

Table 4 - Adults (≥18 years of age) (66% of total refugees)

Month	Carry Over from 2017	Estimated Monthly Recipients in 2018	Estimated Unit Cost	Estimated Monthly Cost
October	660	880	$274	$421,960
November		874	$274	$239,476
December		874	$274	$239,476
January		874	$274	$239,476
February		874	$274	$239,476

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March		874	$274	$239,476
April		874	$274	$239,476
May		874	$274	$239,476
June		874	$274	$239,476
July		874	$274	$239,476
August		874	$274	$239,476
September		874	$274	$239,476
Total Adults	660	10,494	$274	$3,056,196

Table 5 – Total Estimated Health Assessment Costs for FY 2018

	Estimated Total Recipients Including carry over from 2017	Cost per assessment	Total	Total 2018 Estimated Cost for Health Assessments
Child Totals	5,746	$240	$1,379,040	N/A
Adult Totals	11,154	$274	$3,056,196	N/A
Total	16,900	N/A	$4,435,236	N/A
Grand Total	16,900	$262		$4,435,236.00

* For the purpose of completing the FY 2018 ORR-1 Cash and Medical Assistance Program Estimates form, Section 2-c (Medical Screening), we used the following figures:

- We derived the monthly workload by dividing the total 15,900 annual estimated recipients by 12 months = 1325.3=1325 average workload.
- Total estimated amount of $4,173,858 divided by total number estimated recipients 15,900 = $262 per assessment cost.
- To adjust for cost of living increases the health assessment has been rounded to $300 per assessment.

d. Total California Office of Refugee Health Administration Cost:

Personnel Services — **Yearly Salary**

Research Scientist Supervisor I 100% FTE $ 111,853
(Filled) – Chief of the Office of Refugee Health. Establishes, implements, and oversees policy for the delivery of quality refugee health services in California.

Research Scientist III 100% FTE $ 100,104

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(Filled) – Provides leadership in assessing the state's refugee health epidemiology workforce and infrastructure, and guiding statewide efforts to enhance local refugee health epidemiology capacity. In addition, is responsible for ensuring health assessment data quality; designing and responding to ad hoc data requests from local, state, and federal agencies serving refugees.

Research Scientist II 100% FTE $ 91,016
(Filled) – Responsible for coordinating the program mental health planning, training and oversight activities related to the local refugee health assessment programs to ensure the compliance with established guidelines as well as linkage to mental health providers after the health assessments.

Health Program Specialist I 100% FTE $ 79,725
(Filled) – Provides leadership to all refugee stakeholders. Thus, is responsible for providing the link between State sponsored services such as Medi-Cal and refugees to address the needs of the community. In essence, the work of Health Program Specialist I centers on informing the refugees about various issues that affect them as well as getting their input on these.

Health Program Specialist I 100% FTE $ 79,725
(Filled) –Provides administrative work to support operation of the program, including the areas of development and implementation of program policy and procedures, prepare budget change proposals and legislative analysis. In addition, is responsible in monitoring and supporting funded health assessment programs.

Associate Accounting Analyst 100% FTE $ 76,235
(Filled) – Responsible for providing fiscal management. Develops funding proposals and grant applications; monitoring grant application expenditures to ensure they comply with grant requirements; submitting monthly, quarterly, and annual revenue, expenditure, and other cost reports; and reviewing and reconciling the program's financial records.

UC Davis Master of Public Health Student (Intern) $ -0-

Total Salaries **$ 538,658**

Fringe Benefits (50.990%) $ 274,662
California requires a 50.990% fringe benefit rate based on total salaries and wages: $538,658 x 50.990% = $274,662

Total Salaries and Fringe Benefits **$ 813,320**

Indirect Cost ((b)(4) %) $ (b)(4)
CDPH requires an indirect cost charge for all state positions that are federally funded. The current indirect cost rate for personnel services negotiated between the California

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Department of Public Health and the federal government is (b)(4) %. This rate is applicable to salaries and benefits. (Attachment B)

Total Salaries, Fringe Benefits, and Indirect Cost	**$**	**990,623**

These positions are required for the overall management and oversight of the Refugee Medical Assistance Screening program.

Other Required Direct Costs

The following direct costs are required by CDPH for each federally-funded state employee housed in a State-owned/leased facility:

Communication $1,300 x 7 positions	$	9,100
Facilities Operations $10,500 x 7 positions	$	73,500
Total Other Required Direct Costs	**$**	**82,600**

Operating Expenses

Trainings w/ local health assessment providers and stakeholders	$	40,000
General Supplies	$	15,000
Printing/Reproduction of protocols, and other health materials	$	15,000
IT Maintenance and Support	$	148,201
Travel (for site visits and to attend out-of-state conferences and meetings)	$	16,620

In-State

2 staff x 10 trips x airfare at $450 each = $9,000
2 staff x 10 trips x 2 days per diem at $46 each = $1,840
2 staff x 10 trips x 2 nights lodging at $125 each = $5,000
12 trips x 1 day rental car at $65 each = $780
Total In-State = $16,620

Total Operating Expenses	***$***	***234,821***
TOTAL ESTIMATED CDPH ADMINSTRATION COST	***$***	***1,308,044***

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Grantee Name: California (Medical)
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ORR-1 CASH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTIMATES

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Reporting Information

Grantee Name: California	**Federal Fiscal Year:** 2018

Estimates

Cash and Medical Assistance Program Components (Column A)	Estimated Average Monthly Unit Cost (Column B)	Estimated Average Monthly Recipients / Users (Column C)	Estimated Total Fiscal Year Expenditures (Column D)
1. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)			
a) RCA Recipient Costs	$0	0	$0
b) RCA Administration			$0
c) Subtotal:			$0
2. Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)			
a) RMA Recipient Costs	$370	159	$705,960
b) RMA Administration			$44,000
c) Medical Screening	$300	1,325	$4,770,000
d) Medical Screening Administration			$1,143,855
e) Subtotal			$6,663,815
3. Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM)			
a) Services for URMs	$0	0	$0
b) URM Program Administration			$0
c) Subtotal			$0
4. Administration - Program Coordination and Planning			$1,308,044
5. Total Administration			$2,495,899
6. Total Estimate			$7,971,859

Certification

Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance

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1. REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA)

a) RCA Recipient Costs:

Caseload: Based on most recent historic RCA caseload data from October 2016 through April 2017, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) determined the average monthly caseload for RCA to be 2,069. However, the CDSS believes this number is too low to project a viable funding amount for FFY 2018. The CDSS evaluated RCA caseload data trends for the last 12 months average to the end of FFY 2018, and an increase in the average monthly caseload is 3,058. Moreover, proposed Resettlement Agency (RA) capacity levels are projected at a higher amount than the projected refugee arrivals to California this year (10,156 versus 7,167). As a result of the data and RA proposed capacity levels, the CDSS is projecting an average monthly caseload for FFY 2018 to be **2,498** RCA recipients.

In the last two years, California has moved to the top state for placement of the combined populations of refugee arrivals, asylees being granted asylum, victims of trafficking, and Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) holders, and is expected to be impacted in FFY 2018. While the refugee arrivals caseload may be impacted by the Presidential Order by not restricting tied cases, the number of asylees, trafficking victims, and SIVs are expected to continue, thus potentially increasing arrival numbers. California has received approximately 10 percent of the nation's refugee arrivals and the majority of SIV arrivals as Sacramento County continues to remain the epicenter for SIV arrivals. There has been an increasing upward trend in the last two years of SIV arrivals receiving services in California, as verified by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). For FFY 2017, California has already processed 5,550 SIVs compared to a total of 4,010 for FFY 2016 and 2,009 for FFY 2015. The trend has been increasing steadily since 2013 without a downward fluctuation.

Cash Grant: Historical expenditure data from May 2016 through April 2017 was used to determine the RCA cash grant. The average monthly grant cost for RCA per recipient during this time period was $334.96. However, on October 1, 2016, California issued a 1.43 percent increase to the grant amount for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, which also applied to RCA grant amounts. To adjust for this unusual fluctuation, the months of October and November 2017 were not included to determine the adjusted estimated average monthly grant cost for RCA per recipient of $340.87. Therefore, the average monthly grant cost for RCA per recipient for FFY 2018 is estimated to be $340.87 (rounded to **$341.00**). ($341.00 X 2,498 X 12 = **$10,221,816**).

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The proposed cost is higher than the previous year because the cost per case expenditures have increased.

Total RCA Recipient Costs = $10,221,816

b) **RCA Administration:** The county RCA administration cost of $3,269,782 is based on most recent historic actual expenditure data (April 2016 through March 2017). Expenditures are reported by the counties for caseworker and allocable support costs in accordance with the CDSS' federally approved Cost Allocation Plan for County Welfare Departments. These costs include RCA eligibility determinations, grant maintenance activities, and conducting cause determinations and conciliations for RCA clients. Expenditures also include costs for Electronic Data Processing and direct costs. For FFY 2018, the average monthly administrative costs per RCA recipient is estimated to be **$109.08** ($109.08 X 2,498 X 12 = **$3,269,782**).

Total RCA Administration = $3,269,782

c) **RCA Subtotal = $13,491,598**

2. REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (RMA)

RMA Recipients: Costs associated with Medical Assistance will be reported by the California Department of Public Health under separate cover.
Medical Screenings: Costs associated with Medical Screenings will be reported by the California Department of Public Health under separate cover.

3. UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINOR (URM) PROGRAM

URM Cost Estimates and Expenditures – Direct Services and Administration

	SRC's Office (CDSS-RPB)	Contracted URM Provider #1 (South-CFCS)	Contracted URM Provider #2 (North-CCSCC)	Contracted URM Provider #3 (North-ICA)	**Totals for ORR-1 Column D**
ORR-1 Line 3(a) URM Services	$0	$9,947,538	$8,290,405	$1,995,629	**$20,233,572**
ORR-1 Line 3(b) URM Admin.	$471,185	$552,178	$743,130	$105,862	**$1,872,355**
ORR-1 Line 3(c) URM Subtotal	**$471,185**	**$10,499,716**	**$9,033,535**	**$2,101,491**	**$22,105,927**

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a) Services for URM:

URM Proposed Budget: For FFY 2018, the estimated amount for services for the URM program in California is $20,233,572. In FFY 2017 (as of May 2017) there have been 55 placements and 40 exits. As of May 2017, there are 232 minors being served in California's URM program. Overall, the program caseload has grown steadily and is projected to increase for FFY 2018. The program is administered through state contracts (Attachments I, II, and III) with the providers Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC), an affiliate of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Crittenton Family and Children Services (CFCS) and International Christian Adoptions (ICA) who are affiliates of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. It is important to note that the contracts for the URM programs in California are based on a State Fiscal Year (SFY) (July through June). The current contracts are in effect for three years, with the contracts starting on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020. The amounts provided in this justification have been prorated to coincide with FFY 2018. In an effort to avoid over estimated contracts, the RPB used prior expenditure data to calculate more accurate projections.

Additionally, the URM proposed budget for FFY 2018 includes funds to expand services for CCSCC and CFCS. These expansions are not yet included in the contract amounts. It is anticipated that the contract amendments will be completed by October 1, 2017. Expansion services by each of these providers are explained below:

- CCSCC will open a sub-office in the East Bay area. Forty percent of Catholic Charities' caseload are placed with resource families that live in the East Bay (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties). This sub-office will allow for future program growth as it is laying the foundation for continuing program growth in that geographic area.
- The ORR and the CDSS, have discussed the need for more URM placements in California, specifically regarding placements for URMs who need short-term residential therapeutic centers (STRTCs) due to behavior issues, mental health needs, or specialized placements for hard to place URM youth. CFCS owns two eight bed, fully furnished, and licensed Group Homes that could start serving male URMs that require a higher level of care than a traditional foster home can provide in the ORR's URM network.

Based on historical placement data, the CDSS projects an upward trend in minors being served for FFY 2018, with an estimated average monthly caseload of 313 minors (Attachment IV). Based on the projected trend, it is estimated there will be approximately 366 minors being served at the end of FFY 2018 (September 2018). The estimated average monthly cost of care for the youth is $5,387 ($5,387 X 313 X 12 = $20,233,572).

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- URM Foster Care Services: The California URM program provides a wide range of benefits and services which mirror the foster care provisions in the California Title IV-E plan. This includes traditional foster care, therapeutic group homes, and emancipation services until age 24. Emancipation services are for youths between the ages of 18 – 24 who are compliant with their Independent Living Plans and include independent living training, employment training, educational grants, and supported housing.

  The URM program places youths into the most appropriate and least restrictive setting possible. Youths are primarily placed into certified foster family homes supervised by licensed Foster Family Agencies. In certain situations when necessary, the program will place children into certified therapeutic homes or licensed group homes/residential treatment centers (levels 1 – 14) until the youth is ready to return to a foster family setting.

  In California, the foster care system was overhauled to change the certification process, licensing categories, and the running of group homes which is referred to as the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). It also draws together a series of existing and new reforms in California's Child Welfare. The implementation of CCR will occur between now and 2021. The impact of CCR on the URM program will affect URM youth residing in group homes. CCR is eliminating group homes in California and replacing group homes with STRTCs. STRTCs will provide intensive treatment interventions for youth requiring highly intensive 24-hour supervision and treatment but are designed to quickly transition youth to a permanent foster home placement.

  Current foster care costs have increased from the previous year primarily due to the anticipated caseload and the rates for care set by the state have increased. On January 1, 2017, a new rate structure for foster care and group homes due to the implementation of the CCR changed from an age-based structure to a level of care-based structure. The CCR is a major reform of the mainstream foster care system that the URM program is paralleling. The current foster care rates are shown in Attachment V (All County Letter (ACL) No. 17-75). Due to the timing of implementation, rates for Foster Family Agencies, based on a youth's age, are still in effect and these are the rates we have been using (see page four of the ACL for information on Phase I FFA Rate Components).

  Starting December 1, 2017, all URMs will be reassessed based on their level of care and the new rate structure for CCR or Phase II, will become effective (see page five of the ACL for information on Phase II FFA Rate Components). The highest level of care rate, which most of the URM youth will receive is $117 more than the current highest rate that our youth receive based on their age. We have planned for this rate increase in all three of the URM budgets

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so we should not need to do amendments to cover the costs for the rate changes that will take place in December 2017 when CCR becomes active.

The ACL lists the new rate for the short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) that is replacing most of the group homes in California. Two of our providers (ICA and CCSCC) will be using the new STRTP rate starting on December 1, 2017. We have already budgeted for this higher rate in the contracts. Crittenton will still be using the old group home rate as they have been given an exception to continue use of a group home for their URMs.

The FFY 2018 URM budget projects Foster Care Services costs to include the following:

Item	Cost
Licensed Foster Care	$4,172,952
Foster Care Support Services/Independent Living	$1,646,800
Residential Treatment Centers/Group Homes/Drug Treatment	$5,594,937
TOTAL	**$11,414,689**

- URM Legal Fees: Legal expenses are projected to be **$173,879** for FFY 2018. The URM program pays for the legal costs, including attorney fees, to establish private guardianship of the youths placed in the state. It also pays for annual guardianship reports that must be filed with the local courts for each foster child in care, as required by California's Foster Care program.

  Per ORR State Letter #09-24, refugee entrants are required by federal law to file with the USCIS Form I-485 "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status" after one year in the U.S. and adjust to legal permanent resident status. The URM program budgets for miscellaneous legal fees in anticipation of certain instances when legal counsel will be necessary to adjust a youth's immigration status to legal permanent resident. The URM program does not pay the filing fees for adjustment of status or citizenship.

- URM Medical Costs: URM foster children in California receive full-scope Medi-Cal, which is the state's version of federal Medicaid. State-funded full scope Medi-Cal, at no cost to the URM program, is also extended to URMs with approved Special Immigration Juvenile Status, and those who have been granted a U Visa. When entering the URM program, youths are always enrolled in Medi-Cal, which pays for medically necessary health care services

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that include: physician visits, prescription drugs, hospitalization, x-ray and laboratory, nursing home care, some dental care, some ambulance services, prosthetic and orthopedic devices, eyeglasses, hearing aids and some medical equipment, and hospice care.

However, occasionally youths may need medical, dental, or therapeutic medical treatments that are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal. This may occur because no appropriate Medi-Cal resource is available. For example, many youths who arrive are highly traumatized and in need of immediate mental health services in their native languages. It can take six to eight weeks to schedule an appointment with a Medi-Cal provider, and it may not be with a therapist with the appropriate language or experience. In such cases, the URM program may initially pay for counseling in order to stabilize the youth while awaiting Medi-Cal services.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the CDSS issued a joint letter (All County Letter 16-03) in January 2016 for the purpose of clarifying Medi-Cal eligibility for youth in the URM Program. URM youth and former URM youth in California are eligible to receive full scope Medi-Cal regardless of their immigration status up to age 26.

The FFY 2018 URM budget projects medical costs to include the following:

Item	Cost
Mental Health/Medical Services Unreimbursed by Medi-Cal	$176,483
TOTAL	**$176,483**

- URM Personnel Costs: The Northern California URM programs are operated by the CCSCC and ICA, and the Southern California URM program is operated by the CFCS. The projected personnel costs for FFY 2018 will be **$5,645,176** and include staff salaries and benefits based on actual time worked in the URM program. Costs have increased by $732,824 ($320,003 for Northern California CCSCC, $594,685 for Northern California ICA, and decreased by $181,864 for Southern California CFCS) from last year, due to increased staffing to accommodate the anticipated caseload increase, cost of living increases, and the addition of the new Northern California provider (ICA). CFCS's personnel costs have decreased from last year's budget due to a decrease of five staff positions in the projected contract.

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Location	FFY 2017 Personnel Cost	FFY 2018 Projected Personnel Cost	Cost Difference
Northern California (CCSCC)	$2,590,027	$2,910,030	+ $320,003
Northern California (ICA)	$170,539	$765,224	+ $594,685
Southern California (CFCS)	$2,151,786	$1,969,922	- $181,864
TOTAL	**$4,912,352**	**$5,645,176**	**+ $732,824**

- URM Other Costs: The URM contracts in California include **$2,823,345** for other expenses that cover supplies, space, communications, equipment, advertising/outreach, travel, training, background checks, miscellaneous, and costs for the supported housing program.

Total Services for URM = $20,233,572

b) URM Program Administration:

URM state administration includes a cost of **$471,185** for state staff to administer the URM programs in California. Please see the attached line-item budget (Attachment VI) that provides detail on salaries, benefits, operating expenses, and indirect costs for state staff.

URM provider administration includes a cost of $(b)(4) for indirect costs associated with administering the URM program in California. The federal DHHS-approved indirect cost rates for each provider for FFY 2018 include a rate at (b)(percent of operating expenses ($(b)(4)) for the Northern California CCSCC URM program and a rate of (b)(4) percent of operating expenses ($(b)(4)) for the Southern California CFCS URM program. A rate at (b)(percent of operating expenses ($(b)(4)) for the Northern California ICA URM program is being used since ICA does not yet have an approved indirect cost rate.

Total URM Program Administration = $1,872,355

c) URM Program Subtotal = $22,105,927

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4. **ADMINISTRATION-PROGRAM COORDINATION AND PLANNING**

   Overall Management: The overall state RCA administration costs of **$2,037,385** are based on actual expenditures from staff time studies during FFY 2017, and department overhead costs. This amount includes costs associated with salaries, travel, program coordination, program monitoring, provision of technical assistance and training, amending California's State Refugee Plan, etc. The attached line-item budget (Attachment VII) provides additional detail on salaries, benefits, operating expenses, and indirect costs for state staff.

   Total Administration-Program Coordination and Planning = $2,037,385

5. **TOTAL ADMINISTRATION = $7,179,522 (includes total of costs for county and state RCA administration, and provider and state URM administration)**

6. **TOTAL CASH AND ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATE FOR CALIFORNIA FOR FFY 2018 = $37,634,910**

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ORR-1 CMA Program Estimates

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Grantee Name: California	**Federal Fiscal Year:** 2018

Estimates

Cash and Medical Assistance Program Components (Column A)	Estimated Average Monthly Unit Cost (Column B)	Estimated Average Monthly Recipients / Users (Column C)	Estimated Total Fiscal Year Expenditures (Column D)
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a) RCA Recipient Costs	$341	2,498	$10,221,816
b) RCA Administration			$3,269,782
c) Subtotal:			$13,491,598
2. Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)			
a) RMA Recipient Costs	$0	0	$0
b) RMA Administration			$0
c) Medical Screening	$0	0	$0
d) Medical Screening Administration			$0
e) Subtotal			$0
3. Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM)			
a) Services for URMs	$5,387	313	$20,233,572
b) URM Program Administration			$1,872,355
c) Subtotal			$22,105,927
4. Administration - Program Coordination and Planning			$2,037,385
5. Total Administration			$7,179,522
6. Total Estimate			$37,634,910

Certification

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State:	California
Profile FFY:	2016

Regional Offices to complete for profile FFY by 5/1 of the current FFY year

ORR Regional Representative:	Diane Landino			
ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
Previous FFY Numbers	5718	2525	297	2606
ORR Populations Total	11,146			
Profile FFY Year Numbers	7,909	1,707	412	4,821
ORR Populations Total	14,849			

Top 5 Countries	Number	% of ORR Popul.
Afghanistan	4,767	32%
Iran	2,317	16%
iraq	1,910	13%
Syria	1,499	10%
China	788	5%

Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program	Total FFY Expenditures
Refuge Cash Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$10,968,775
Refugee Medical Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Refugee Medical Screening (include WF CMA as applicable)	$6,275,745
Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	$7,650,794

Cash Assistance Levels	Single	Family of 3
Refugee Cash Assistance	$331-350	$0
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	$0	$670 - 788
Wilson/Fish or Public/Private Partnership	$350	$0

CMA Total ORR Authorized FFY Award	$32,072,684
Refugee Social Services FFY Allocation	$8,972,718
Targeted Assistance Formula FFY Allocation	$4,582,011
Plan (year last approved)	2017
Current FFY CMA Budget Estimate Total	$28,850,086
Monitoring (year last conducted)	2017
Medicaid Expanded State?	Yes

FFY OUTCOMES (GPRA-AOGP)	
Employability Services (0-60 months eligible)	
Caseload	6,786
Entered Employments	2,932
Outcome Rate	43%
Cash Terminations	371
Termination Rate	14%
Retentions (90-day)	76%
Average Wage	$11.33

ORR Discretionary Grants	Amount
Wilson/Fish	$3,534,100
Targeted Assistance	$275,000
Refugee School Impact	$1,171,426
Services to Older Refugees	$147,052
Cuban/Haitian Grant	$122,312
Health Promotion	$203,055
Individual Development Account	$912,812
Preferred Communities (funded through Volags)	YES
Micro Enterprise Development	$768,400
Refugee Agricultural Project	$85,000
Micro-Enterprise Development Home Based Childcare	$745,000
Ethnic Community Self-Help	$603,986
Survivors of Torture	$1,659,840
Matching Grant	$1,691,800
ORR Discretionary Funding	$11,919,783
Total ORR Funding	**$57,547,196**

FFY OUTCOMES (MG)	
Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	749
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	466
Outcome Rate	62%
Average Wage	$11.03
Reaching 180 days	774
SS on 180-day	527
Outcome Rate	68%

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California ORR Refugee Program Briefing

I. Refugee Program Background

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is the state agency responsible for the overall administration and operation of the California Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). The Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) is state administered and operated by the 52 counties, with one exception: Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego has a Wilson/Fish program that is responsible for providing RCA to refugees who are single adults or childless couples residing in the county.

CDSS's Welfare-to-work Division has five branches: (1) Employment and Eligibility; (2) CalFresh (Food Stamp); (3) Child Care and Refugee Programs (CCRP); (4) Immigrant; and (5) Program Integrity. Within the CCRP branch, there are two bureaus, one of which is the Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB). The RPB is delegated responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the program.

The California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Health Care Services (title XIX agency) are responsible for administering the refugee medical assistance program.

State Refugee Coordinator (SRC): Mr. Sysvanh Kabkeo, serves as the SRC. He leads the RPB and has the responsibility and authority to facilitate the coordination of public and private resources to ensure a statewide resettlement strategy.

State Refugee Health Coordinator (SRHC): The Chief, Office of Refugee Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, California Department of Public Health, Ms. Marisa Ramos, serves as the SRHC.

Consultations

The CDSS conducts at least a quarterly meeting with the County Refugee Coordinators (CRCs) and with the State Advisory Council (SAC). The CRCs are designated to coordinate the refugee programs at the County level. The CDSS holds meetings with CRCs to discuss and resolve refugee issues. The SAC is comprised of representatives from local government, resettlement agencies, service providers, one CRC, and individuals who are involved in or affected by the refugee resettlement process. The CDSS holds meetings with SAC to analyze critical issues affecting refugees.

In addition, there are seven County Refugee Forums in regions throughout California. The frequency of refugee forum meetings varies. The top three counties on the list below meet on a monthly basis and the rest meet on a bimonthly basis.

- Sacramento Area Refugee Resettlement & Services Forum
- San Diego Refugee Forum
- Santa Clara County Refugee and Immigrant Forum
- East Bay Refugee Forum

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- The Refugee Forum of Los Angeles
- The Refugee Forum of Orange County
- San Francisco Coalition for Asylee, Immigrant, and Refugee Services

The mission of the forums is to support local efforts that assist refugees in becoming self-reliant and make them aware of their rights and responsibilities as residents of the U.S.

II. Total ORR Funding for Refugee Services and Programs

$57,547,196 Amount of ORR funding went to the state in **FY 2016** to serve refugees and eligible populations. Of this total, **80%** went through the state government; the remaining **20%** went directly to community based organizations and providers. For a complete list of ORR funding, see Appendix A.

III. FY 2016 Arrivals - Top Locations

A breakdown of the eligible population in the state is shown below along with the top 5 country of origin, and the top 5 resettlement locations.

ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
FY 2016 Numbers	7,909	1,707	412	4,821
ORR Total Populations	14,849			

Top 5 Countries of Origin	Number	% of ORR Population
Afghanistan	4,767	30%
Iran	2,317	15%
Iraq	1,910	12%
Syria	1,499	10%
China	788	5%

Top 5 Resettlement Locations in California	
City	Population
San Diego	3,281
Sacramento	2,801
Glendale	1,424
Los Angeles	640
Oakland	488

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IV. State Administered Formula Programs

1. The Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program reimburses states for 100 percent of services provided to refugees and other eligible persons, as well as associated administrative costs for the following:

- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URM)

ORR clients determined ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid may be eligible for RCA and RMA for up to eight months from the date of arrival in the U.S., date of final grant of asylum for asylees, or date of certification for trafficking victims.

a) Refugee Cash Assistance and TANF

The Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBDAC) levels for RCA are the same as those under Cal WORKS (California's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. California is divided into two regions for MAP and MBSAC purposes. Region 1 counties have a higher cost of living in these counties. The benefits are made available at all 58 county welfare agencies, with the one exception of the San Diego Wilson/Fish program.

Region 1

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt
1	$387	$350
2	$636	$569
3	$788	$704
4	$936	$840
5	$1,065	$954
6	$1,197	$1,072
7	$1, 315	$1,178
8	$1,434	$1,283
9	$1,549	$1,387
10	$1,665	$1,490

Region 2

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt
1	$369	$331
2	$607	$541
3	$751	$670
4	$891	$799

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5	$1,017	$909
6	$1,141	$1,021
7	$1,254	$1,120
8	$1,366	$1,222
9	$1,477	$1,321
10	$1,587	$1,418

Region 1 Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Ventura.

Region 2 Counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

b) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and Refugee Medical Screening (RMS)

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) oversees the publicly-administered RMA program. CDPH coordinates with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) eligibility division to provide RMA benefits to refugees. The RMA income standard is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). California has expanded Medicaid coverage to low-income adults without dependent children. RMA enrollees should mostly consist of refugees whose income falls between 133% and 200% FPL or former Medicaid clients who lost coverage due to employment but are still within the eight month eligibility period.

CDPH provides RMA funds to nine impacted local health jurisdictions (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus) to coordinate medical screenings and cover direct medical screenings services. Medical screening activities are tracked in the Refugee Health Electronic Information System.

c) Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URMs) Program

Background

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program was developed in the late 1970s to address the needs of children who entered the U.S. as refugees without a parent or guardian to care for them. Over the years Congress has passed additional legislation authorizing URM eligibility to other categories of unaccompanied children such as asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, trafficking victims, certain Special Immigrant Juveniles, and U-visa recipients. Eligible children are placed into the URM program and receive the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other children in the State, including those identified in the State's plans under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Grantee/Administration

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is the agency responsible for administering the URM program in Northern and Southern California. The Refugee Program

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Bureau (RPB) contracts for URM services with two licensed child welfare agencies, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC—a USCCB affiliate) and Florence Crittenton Services (FCS) for Children and Families (FCS—a LIRS affiliate) for provision of direct URM services.

The CDSS division of County Care Licensing (CCL) conducts annual reviews of CCSCC and Crittenton to ensure appropriate services are being provided in compliance with federal and state child welfare and licensing laws and regulations

Legal Responsibility
In California, a county-administered private custody state, CCSCC and FCS, obtain legal custody for children in their care. As a result of being in private agency custody, URMs in California do not qualify for the Education and Training Vouchers (ETVs) which are partially funded through the state's allocation from the Children's Bureau. To achieve parity of services, RPB provides ORR-funded equivalent educational training or services for eligible youth.

Placements
CCSCC, in northern California is affiliated with and receives placements from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). FCS, in southern California is affiliated with and receives placements from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS).

Since its inception in 2009, FCS has grown rapidly in response to ORR's urgent needs for newly-entering youth from Central America.

URMs Served by California in FY 2016		
City: San Jose	Agency Name: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	102
City: Fullerton and San Diego	Agency Name: Crittenton Services for Children and Families	154
Total for California		256

Data in the above table was drawn from the URM database on 3/15/17 and is subject to change as database records are reconciled.

2. Refugee Social Services

The Refugee Social Services Program funds services to refugees to help them obtain employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest time possible. Employment and support services are designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in the program.

- Employment Services include: employability assessment, job search, vocational English Language services/ESL, vocational education, on the job training, case management, assistance with daycare, assistance in obtaining employment documents,

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translation/interpretation assistance, transportation assistance, job development, job upgrade services, and job retention services.

- Support services include: daycare, translation and interpretation for purposes other than employment, citizenship and naturalization preparation services, home management, financial literacy services, and case management services.

Refugees in the following categories receive service priority:

- New arrivals in their first year in the U.S.
- Those receiving cash assistance
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

- **Services to Older Refugees Set-Aside:** Funding is provided to link older refugees with mainstream programs for the elderly and provide assistance with the citizenship process. Funding is allocated to counties based on the number of older refugees currently receiving public assistance in the county.

- **Cuban/Haitian Set-Aside:** The State is reviewing the Cuban/Haitian caseload statewide to determine how best to allocate funds.

3. Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)

The Targeted Assistance Grant services are similar to Refugee Social Services; however they are distinctive in that they prioritize:

- Cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

Targeted Assistance Formula is awarded to the state for specific counties. The counties use the funds to contract with an array of service providers to make available linguistically appropriate and culturally responsive employment-related services. See below a list of counties:

County Name	Refugees	C-H Entrants	Asylees	SIVs	Total	Total Allocation Amount
Alameda	503	4	158	757	1,422	259,401
Los Angeles	3436	210	3977	369	7992	1,457,898
Orange	497	21	139	381	1,038	189,352
Sacramento	1,406	7	32	1,155	2,600	541,412
San Diego/3	4689	192	262	897	6,040	1,101,815
San Francisco	9	9	472	20	510	93,034

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Santa Clara	**392**	**3**	**407**	**271**	**1,073**	**195736**
Stanislaus	**285**	**0**	**20**	**354**	**659**	**120,215**

V. Discretionary Grants

State Administered Discretionary Grants in California

1. Targeted Assistance Discretionary

Targeted Assistance Discretionary is awarded by the state through a competitive application process for a two-year period. The counties use the funds to contract with an array of service providers to make available linguistically appropriate and culturally responsive employment-related services.

2. Refugee School Impact

The RSI Program has six school districts participating in the state. The Refugee School Impact Grant is used to provide educational services that assist refugee students. Services include after school tutoring, summer school, and parental involvement programs. School districts in counties that have the largest number of school-age refugee children over the previous three years are eligible to apply for the RSIG funds from the state.

3. Health Promotion

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in Sacramento is awarded $195,000 in Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funds. CDPH's Office of Refugee Health utilizes 100% of RHP funds to support Refugee Health Facilitator staff positions at Los Angeles County Health Department, San Diego County Health Department, and Sacramento County Health Department. These positions provide follow up and coordination of services, such as transportation and interpretation, to ensure refugees are able to successfully complete primary care referral appointments and begin the continuum of care required by their health conditions.

Discretionary Grants Administered by Resettlement Agency or Other Service Providers

1. Survivors of Torture Program

There are a total of 5 SOT grantees in CA: two in Los Angeles, one in San Diego, one in San Jose, and one in San Francisco.

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), located in San Jose, receive $360,620 annually to support its Center for Survivors of Torture which serves 120 clients annually. AACI/CST provides medical, mental health, and social services and refers clients to affiliate agencies for legal services, including pro bono programs at private law firms, California Rural Legal Assistance, and law schools such as Santa Clara, Stanford, UC Davis, and UC Hastings.

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The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) receives $311,220 annually to serve 149 survivors each year. LAFLA provides legal and social work services in-house and partners with LA County Public Health for medical services, and Asylum Collaborative partners such as Program for Victims of Torture, and Amanecer Counseling Center for mental health services.

Program for Victims of Torture (PVT) receives $429,780 annually to serve 255 (new and continuing) clients each year including on-site mental health and social work services. A new partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) Department of Family Medicine enables clients to receive medical services through the USC-Eisner Family Medical Center, located at PVT. PVT's refers to partner agencies for legal and other services including refugee and immigrant agencies, Peace over Violence, and LA Legal Aid Foundation.

The Survivors International Program at the University of California San Francisco, Trauma Recovery Center (TRC-SI) receives $301,340 annually to service 90 new clients each year. TRC-SI provides mental health and social services on-site, partners with the Newcomers Health Program in the Refugee Medical Clinic at San Francisco General Clinic for medical services, and Pangea Legal Services and community agencies for legal services.

Survivors of Torture, International (SURVIVORS) receives $256,880 annually to serve 114 new clients each year in San Diego County. SURVIVORS provides mental health and case management services on-site and partners UCSD Medical School to provide psychiatric care on-site. SURVIVORS also partners with several legal services providers and Thomas Jefferson Law School to provide legal services. The immigration detention population is a particular concern and will more than double to 1,500 this year.

2. Matching Grant Program

The Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program (MG) was created in 1979 as an intensive case management program with the objective to fast track new arrivals toward economic self-sufficiency within four to six months (120 – 180 days) of program eligibility, without accessing public cash assistance. Enrollment in MG is available to all ORR-eligible populations meeting minimum employability requirements and to the extent funding is available. However, clients must be enrolled within 31 days of becoming eligible to ensure adequate services are provided and self-sufficiency is achieved and maintained within the period of eligibility. As demand for MG Program services continues to exceed available funding, enrollment is not available to all those eligible and desirous of program services.

Client services provided through the Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program include, but are not limited to, case management, employment services, housing and utilities, food, transportation, cash allowance, health and medical, English language training, social adjustment, and other support services.

The MG Program is designed to work in concert with the Reception and Placement (R&P) program for refugees offered by the Department of State (DOS), and the Cuban & Haitian Entrant Reception and Placement (R&P) program offered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Thus, funding under the MG Program is open only to those resettlement agencies that already provide R&P services through a cooperative agreement with the DOS or

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DHS. Congress confirmed this approach to the program in the 1986 Refugee Assistance Extension Act. The MG Program requires a grantee match of $1 (cash and/or in-kind) for every $2 in Federal funding.

City	Grantee	Local MG Service Provider	FY 2017 Projected Enrollment Slots	FY 2017 Projected Federal Funding	Local Contact
SAN DIEGO	ECDC	Alliance for African Assistance	40	$88,000	(b)(6) (b)(6)@alliance-for-africa.org
LOS ANGELES	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles	49	$107,800	(b)(6) (b)(6)@jfsla.org
LOS GATOS	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley	15	$33,000	(b)(6) (b)(6)@jfssv.org
SAN DIEGO	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of San Diego	49	$107,800	(b)(6) (b)(6)@jfssd.org
GLENDALE	IRC	IRC Los Angeles	38	$83,600	(b)(6) (b)(6)@rescue.org
OAKLAND	IRC	IRC Oakland	154	$338,800	(b)(6) (b)(6)@rescue.org
SACRAMENTO	IRC	IRC Sacramento	188	$413,600	(b)(6) (b)(6)@rescue.org
SAN DIEGO	IRC	IRC San Diego	26	$26,400	(b)(6) (b)(6)@rescue.org

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SAN JOSE	IRC	IRC San Jose	50	$110,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @rescue.org
TURLOCK	IRC	IRC Turlock	20	$44,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @rescue.org
GLENDALE	USCCB	Immigration and Refugee Services	120	$264,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @ccharities.org
SAN DIEGO	USCCB	Catholic Charities	25	$55,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @ccdsd.org
GLENDALE	USCRI	International Institute of Los Angeles	25	$55,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @iilosangeles.org
SACRAMENTO	USCRI	Lao Family Community Development, Inc.	25	$55,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @lfcd.org
State Total			810	$1,782,000	

3. Preferred Communities Program

The Preferred Communities Program's goals are the successful resettlement and integration of especially vulnerable ORR client populations and the enhancement of agencies' capacity to serve such populations at new or established PC locations. Specialized services such as intensive case management is intended to result in these refugees' attainment of self-sufficiency in the area of their lives impacted by their particular vulnerability, which may include, but is not limited to, medical disabilities, trauma, and lack of access to supporting services.

PC Project Location	Resettlement Agency	Local Affiliate Name	Focus	AmeriCorps	Local Funding Amount	Local Contact Information

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Oakland	IRC	IRC	Medical, mental health; um; sec. migrants; single parents; LGBTQ; GBV survivors; elderly	Y	$106,392	(b)(6) @rescue.org
Sacramento	IRC	IRC	Medical, mental health; Congolese; secondary migrants; single parents, GBV survivors; elderly	Y	$96,585	(b)(6) @rescue.org
Sacramento	CWS	Opening Doors Inc.	ICM	NP	$90,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @openingdoors.org
San Diego	ECDC	Alliance for African Assistance	ICM	Y	$50,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @alliance-for-africa.org
San Diego	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of San Diego	Physical & mental health	Y	$82,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @jfssd.org
Walnut Creek	HIAS	Jewish Family &Community Service-East Bay	Mental health; one-parent households; LGBT	N	$57,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @jfs-eastbay.org

4. Ethnic Community Self-Help Program

The goal of the Ethnic Community Self Help Program is to support Ethnic Community Based Organizations in providing refugee populations with critical services to assist them in becoming integrated members of American society. Each program has been designed to meet the unique needs of the refugee community in the areas of direct services, community education, and engagement and civic participation.

California

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	LOCAL CONTACT

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Pars Equality Center	Sherman Oaks	CA	9/30/2014	9/29/2017	$150,000	(b)(6) (b)(6) @parsequalitycenter.org
Karen Organization of San Diego	San Diego	CA	9/30/2014	9/29/2017	$128,986	(b)(6) (b)(6) @karensandiego.org
Eritrean Community Center Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	CA	9/30/2016	9/29/2019	$165,010	(b)(6) (b)(6) @yahoo.com

Pars Equality Center
Grantee implements the *The Iranian Community Self-Help Project* in LA County that aims to serve 94 eligible Iranian refugees and asylees per year by supporting them to find sustaining employment, which includes engaging the help of well-established Iranian-Americans in the local Los Angeles business community. Grantee provides comprehensive employment programming combined with professional English language training services focused on improving refugee self-sufficiency outcomes.

Karen Organization of San Diego
The grantee implements its *Community Self-Help Project for Refugees from Burma in San Diego* with two main goals: 1) self-sufficiency for refugees from Burma, and 2) community building by assisting refugees from Burma become more empowered for community self-help. The grantee provides a variety of services, including employment and ESL services, case management, training for refugee community members, and continued outreach to improve public understanding on the background and needs of newly-arrived refugees from Burma. It provides specialized programming for youth, women, and seniors. The grantee also focuses on educating the refugee community about the consequences of domestic violence and alcohol abuse in the United States.

Eritrean Community Center Santa Clara County
The grantee implements the *Eritrean Community Strengthening Project* to provide intensive case management and conduct workshops, along with one-on-one assistance to orient refugees and asylees to the community and assist with resettlement in the U.S. The applicant provides a broad array of services, guidance and mentoring, and group activities to help refugees and asylees integrate, such as informal non-clinical activities that increase emotional and behavioral wellbeing, and After-School programs to improve academic performance for Eritrean youth and prepare them for college. In addition, it seeks to develop new leaders to participate in community-building events, and to engage in wider civic efforts with the receiving community to educate it and policy makers on the needs and contributions of the Eritrean community to the larger Silicon Valley community.

5. Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Program

The Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Program provides opportunities for refugees to achieve financial independence by establishing home-based child care businesses. Program grantees offer refugee participants training in areas including child care, financial skills, and vocational ESL, as well as small stipends to assist with costs of starting their small businesses.

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The RFCCMED program is being implemented in two locations in California: Sacramento and San Diego.

Opening Doors - $187,500

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(b)(6) @openingdoorsinc.org

In **Sacramento, Opening Doors** is in the second year of a three-year grant to enable 45 refugees to establish family child care businesses. Along with its partners Child Action, Inc. (a child care resource and referral center) and Community Care Licensing (the state child care licensing office) Opening Doors enrolls eligible participants into a comprehensive training and technical assistance program which includes courses in child care and business management as well as mentoring and assistance in navigating the licensing process.

San Diego - International Rescue Committee - $187,500

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In **San Diego, the International Rescue Committee** is in the second year of a three-year grant to enable 90 refugees to establish family child care businesses. Participants undergo 80 hours of child care and business management training. IRC trainers supplement their knowledge of child care practices through a train-the-trainer program with YMCA Childcare Resource Service, the local child care resource and referral center. In addition, IRC provides one-on-one technical assistance to prepare participants to establish their businesses, and requires 12 hours of post-licensing training to ensure sustainability of businesses.

6. Individual Development Accounts Program

Individual Development Accounts (IDA) are matched savings accounts designed to help refugees save for a specific purchase. Under the IDA program, the matching funds, together with the refugee's own savings from their employment, are available for purchasing one (or more) of four savings goals: home purchase, small business development, post-secondary education or training, or an automobile for employment purposes. Refugees also receive basic financial training and training focused on their specific savings goal(s).

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	LOCAL CONTACT
International Rescue Committee	San Diego	CA	9/30/2015	9/29/2018	$214,347	(b)(6) @rescue.org
PARS Equality Center	San Jose	CA	9/30/2015	9/29/3018	$248,795	(b)(6) (b)(6) @parsequalitycenter.org

San Diego - International Rescue Committee $214,317

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IRC San Diego is in the second year of a three-year grant period. In its first year, the program recruited 42 clients and families into the program and successfully assisted 13 refugees in purchasing their assets. The organization also provided 149 hours of technical assistance to clients in the pursuit of acquiring their assets.

San Jose - PARS Equality Center $248,795

PEC is the second year of a three-year project period which will end in 2018. The organization has partnered with the local IRC office in order to provide the services to the San Jose area. In its first year, the organization met 100% of its program objectives and obligated $162,500 to be used for matching IDA savings. The program continues to provide financial literacy training, asset-specific training, and partner with organizations which specialize in microenterprise development to meet its other programmatic goals.

7. Microenterprise Development Program

The Microenterprise Development Program helps refugees develop, expand or maintain their own businesses and become financially independent. To equip refugees with the skills and resources they need to become successful entrepreneurs, the program provides training and technical assistance in business plan development, management, bookkeeping, and marketing; credit in the form of micro-loans up to a maximum of $15,000 which is repayable with interest during the project period.

Opening Doors, Inc., International Rescue Committee – San Diego, AnewAmerica Community Corporations, and Pacific Asian Consortium for Employment have the ORR Refugee Microenterprise Development grant in California.

Sacramento - Opening Doors, Inc.,

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Opening Doors, Inc., was funded $174,000 for five years (09/29/2016-09/30/2021) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project. The project will be implemented in Sacramento and its surroundings. The main goal of the program is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economically self-sufficiency by providing with capital and sustained technical assistance.

San Diego - International Rescue Committee (IRC)

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IRC San Diego was funded $162,400 per year for five years (09/29/2016-09/30/2021) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project in San Diego and its surroundings. The main goal of the project is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economic self-sufficiency by providing them with loan capital and sustained technical assistance.

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Berkeley - AnewAmerica Community Corporation (ACC)

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ACC was funded $200,000 per year for four years (09/29/2013-09/30/2017) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project in Berkley San Diego and its surroundings. The main goal of the project is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economic self-sufficiency with the provision of capital and sustained technical assistance. As of September 30, 2016, the project has provided 703 hours of pre-loan and post loan technical assistance, made 57 loans for $347834, and created/retained 203jobs.

Los Angeles - Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)

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Los Angeles, CA (b)(6);(b)(7

(b)(6) www.pacela.org

Pace was funded $232,000 per year for five years (09/29/2016-09/30/2021) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project in Los Angeles and its surroundings. The main goal of the project is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economic self-sufficiency by providing them with loan capital and sustained technical assistance. For FY 2017, PACE's goals consist of providing 850 hours of pre-loan and post-loan technical assistance, making 25 loans for $150,000, create 50 jobs, and leverage $180,000 for the project from other resources.

8. Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program

Grantees are funded in the Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program (RAPP) to develop strategies that incorporate agriculture and food systems to improve the livelihoods and economic self-sufficiency of refugee families, with particular emphasis on newly arrived refugees. The strategies employed by the agencies are aimed towards developing a sustainable and/or supplemental income, improve access to healthy foods and better nutrition, and enhance integration into communities by refugee families. The organizations are required to provide 1) Access to land for agricultural purposes, 2) Training and Technical Assistance, and 3) Farming Production.

Sacramento – International Rescue Committee $99,681

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	CONTACT
International Rescue Committee	Sacramento	CA	9/30/16	9/29/19	$99,681	(b)(6) @res cue.org

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The grantee is in the first year of a three-year project period. While progress for the grant has not been reported yet, the grantee proposed to accomplish the following during its project period:

- Increase refugee knowledge and skills in nutrition and food safety.
- Increase refugee access to land and resources.
- Increase refugee knowledge and skills in agricultural production and business development.
- Increase refugee produce sales of and access to healthy, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods.

VI. Employment Outcomes

FFY 2016 OUTCOMES (GPRA-AOGP)	
Employability Services (0-60 Months eligible)	
Caseload	**6,787**
Entered Employments	**2,932**
Outcome Rate	**43%**
Cash Terminations	**371**
Termination Rate	**14%**
Retentions (90-day)	**76%**
Average Wage	**$11.33**

The state exceeded its FFY 2016 Goal for average hourly wage and the percentage of clients entering full time employment and being offered health insurance.

FFY 2016 OUTCOMES (MG)	
Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	**749**
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	**466**
Outcome Rate	**62%**
Average Wage	**$11.03**
Reaching 180 days	**774**
SS on 180-day	**527**
Outcome Rate	**68%**

VII. Major Issues/Concerns

Successful recruitment of eligible participants for TAD services can be difficult, and transportation continues to be a challenge for some refugee job seekers.

- Sacramento County has experienced a significant increase in SIV holders in the last three fiscal years, while funding has not increased at the same pace. This has placed strains in many of the employment, social services, and health services in the county.

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- Limited affordable housing.
- Lack of funding, time of funding.
- Lack of adult basic education.
- Rapidly growing number of unaccompanied children granted asylum and not being determined eligible for RCA when ineligible for TANF.

VIII. Program Highlights/Best Practices

- San Diego modified its business practices, which resulted in a more accurate data collection process for refugee employment.
- The California RSIG Program has six school districts participating statewide and provided supplementation wrap around educational services to hundreds of students and families. One best practice is the integration of group discussions lead with a counselor for newly arrived refugee students. This has enabled schools to identify mental health and social adjustment issues in students early on so they can refer the students for additional services if needed. Another RSIG best practice is offering soccer clubs as part of an afterschool tutor and enrichment program. The expansion of soccer has help to relieve student's stress moving to a new country as well as connect students to a supportive network of mentors and teachers.
- The URM program has coordinated with the California Department of Health Care Services to successfully develop a process to ensure California's URM youth are provided appropriate medical services without interruption or undue hardship during their time in the URM and up to age 26.

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Appendix A - ORR Funding Overview for FY 2016- California

ORR Funding California- FY 2016	
Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA) [1]	$32,072,684
Social Services (SS) [1]	$8,972,718
Targeted Assistance Formula (TA-F) [1]	$4,582,011
Wilson Fish (WF) [2]	$3,534,100
Refugee School Impact (RSI) [3]	$1,171,426
Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TA-D) [3]	$275,000
Services to Older Refugees (SOR) [3]	$147,052
Cuban/Haitian (C/H) [3]	$122,312
Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) [3]	$203,055
Matching Grant (MG) [4]	$1,691,800
Preferred Communities (PC) [5]	yes
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) [6]	$912,812
Micro-enterprise Development (MED) [6]	$768,400
Family Child Care Microenterprise Development (RFCCMED) [6]	$745,000
Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECS-H) [6]	603,986
Refugee Agricultural Partnership (RAPP) [6]	$85,000
Survivors of Torture (SOT) [6]	$1,659,840
Total	**$57,547,196**

This table represents a snapshot of ORR funding available to date for FY 2016. Amounts may vary as new funding opportunities are awarded and as continuation applications are processed. In addition, amounts may also vary as grantees sub-award funds throughout their network.

1 CMA amounts listed here are for FY 2016 awards to date. SS and TA-F Grant amounts listed here are for FY 2016 allocations listed in the FY 2016 Final Notices; (The TAGF 2nd allocation was amended which resulted in a slightly higher funding amount than was listed on the Final Notice).

2 WF figures are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

3 Funding figures for the State Discretionary grants: TAG-D and RHP FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

4 FY 2016 MG funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates. MG funds are awarded on a per capita basis, so the funds available within the state are listed here.

5 FY 2016 PC funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates on a programmatic rather than a per capita basis, so the PC funds available within the state may not be shown on this chart.

6 Funding figures for the IDA, MED, RFCCMED, SOT, ECS-H, and RAPP shown in this table are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016. These grants are not managed by the state and may be awarded to different organizations within a state.

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Scott

Boston

Thursday, August 3, 2017 -
Saturday, August 5, 2017

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Saturday, August 5

12:00pm – 1:00pm	**NCSL Task Force on Immigration, Legislative Summit** Working Lunch (Optional, Invitation has been extended by (b)(6) Lunch available starting at 11:30am
1:00pm – 4:00pm	**NCSL Task Force on Immigration, Legislative Summit** Site: Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel – Stone Meeting Room Address: 425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210 Session: 1:30pm – 2:00pm POC: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Flight:	United Flight 363, Leaving BOS @ 7:30pm, Arriving IAD @ 9:11pm

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Mass Times

#3 is about the same distance as option #1, #2, and #4.



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3. St. Paul - 0.87 miles - Cambridge, Massachusetts - Parish Website

Mass Times
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (During School Year)
Monday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM
Confession:
Saturday: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Holy Days:
Weekdays: 1:00 AM (Times Vary Call Parish to Confirm)
Vigil for Holy Days:
Weekdays: 1:00 AM (Times Vary Call Parish to Confirm)
Update This Parish's Data
Rite: Roman-Latin, Language: English
(617) 491-8400
29 Mt. Auburn Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-6097

4. St. Mary of the Annunciation - 0.99 miles - Cambridge, Massachusetts - Parish Website

Mass Times
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM (Language: Spanish), 7:30 PM (Language: Spanish)
Monday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM
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Friday: 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM (Language: Spanish)

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Head **south**
Turn **right** toward **Memorial Dr**
Turn **right** onto **Memorial Dr**
Turn **right** onto **Plympton St**
Turn **right** onto **Mt Auburn St**
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	777 Memorial Drive Cambridge MA 02139 US		
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	Hotel membership: (b)(6)		
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Repatriation Briefing
MEMA Headquarters
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 East)
Farmingham, MA 01702-5399

Conference Call # and Directions to MEMA

Below, please find a conference line for those individuals who are not able to attend in-person.
Conference number: (b)(4)
Access code: (b)(4)

MEMA Headquarters is located at 400 Worcester Road (Route 9 east), Framingham, MA 01702-5399. See below directions.

From the east (traveling on Mass Pike (I-90) west)
- Take the Mass Pike (I-90) west to Exit 13 (Natick/Framingham - Route 30).
- Take Route 30 west towards Framingham and drive for approximately 2 miles until the intersection with Route 9.
- Turn right onto Route 9 west. (Note that the MEMA communication towers are visible across Route 9 on the eastbound side.)
- Continue approximately 0.5 miles on Route 9 west. Turn right into the Whole Foods parking lot to turn around. Turn left out of the back of Whole Foods parking lot onto Prospect Street.
- Turn left at the lights onto Route 9 east for approximately 0.5 miles.
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From the west (traveling on Mass Pike (I-90) east)
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Meeting Agenda

Weekly Check-in w/ Elizabeth
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
3:00 pm EST

Discussion Items

1. Introduction

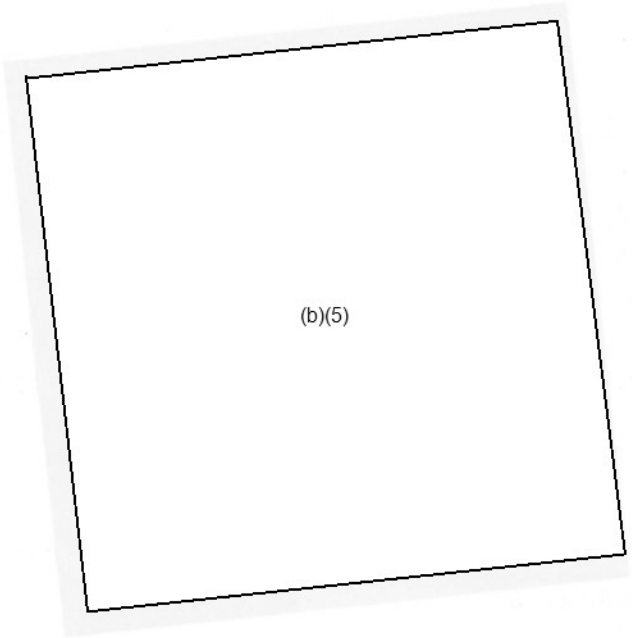
2. Memorandum of Understanding between ACF and ASPR (12/2016)
    a. Brief overview
        i. Roles and responsibilities
        ii. HHS internal coordination and management
        iii. ACF Guidelines
    b. MOU and state impact
        i. NERP and Update: Federal notification and Support
        ii. State role and responsibility
        iii. HHS regional support to MA

3. U.S. Repatriation Program and agreement with the state of MA
    a. Potential concerns and solutions
    b. Next steps

4. Non-emergency and discussion

5. Other

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New American Center

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Working together for a better Commonwealth

The New American Center (NAC), first established in 2002 at the Community Minority Cultural Center at 298 Union Street in Lynn, is a multi-ethnic, multi-service site providing culturally appropriate and linguistically accessible social service assistance to refugees and immigrants in the greater Lynn area. The New American Center was created by the Mutual Assistance Association Coalition (MAA Coalition)—a Massachusetts collaboration of grassroots ethnic community organizations—in order to meet the needs of large numbers of increasingly diverse newcomers to Lynn. Now located at 20 Wheeler Street in Lynn, seven MAAs and one Voluntary Resettlement Agency (VOLAG) have offices or satellite offices at the New American Center. NAC houses satellite offices of three Boston-based agencies: Russian Community Association of Massachusetts, the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (a Somali-based organization), and the International Institute of New England (IINE). It also houses the main offices of the Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development, the Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization, and Congolese Development Center.

The New American Center is a model for effective multi-ethnic service delivery and has become a vibrant community center often used for neighborhood events. The collaborative's main mission is to assist newly arriving refugees of all ethnicities with integration into American society, to promote self-sufficiency, to build bridges with the larger community, and to foster the maintenance of refugees' cultural identities.

The New American Center provides services to approximately 600 refugees annually with services that include case management, preventive health program, post-resettlement community services, computer training, vocational ESL/literacy, pre- and post-employment services, job skills trainings, citizenship assistance and program for elders. In addition, through collaboration with the Lynn Public Schools on a Refugee School Impact project, the New American Center currently offers parent-school liaison services, and after school and summer programs for refugee students.

The New American Center has opted not to establish itself as a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization. Instead, all projects are taken on by a lead agency from among the Coalition members, who in turn subcontracts with the other member agencies. For example, the Russian Community Association of Massachusetts is the lead agency for the Refugee Preventive Health Project, with subcontracts to the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center, Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development and the Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization. This model has allowed agencies from multiple communities to work effectively as partners on joint projects, without creating duplicative administration structures.

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International Institute of New England

Organizational Overview

History and Overview

Founded in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1919, the International Institute of New England (IINE) is one of the oldest and largest social service organizations for new Americans in the region. In 2016, the Institute served 1,737 refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, Central American families, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and a broad range of other immigrants at our field offices in Boston, Lowell, and Manchester, New Hampshire. Last year, IINE provided resettlement, case management, adult education, youth services, job training and placement, and citizenship programming to people from 67 different countries.

The Institute is a leader in the creation of programs and services for new Americans. Our expertise comes from almost 100 years of welcoming immigrants from every region of the world and more than 40 years of *resettling* refugees in New England. IINE is one of the few service providers in the region that specializes in receiving and placing refugees in local communities. With insights from this unique service, we have developed time-tested integration programming for both refugees and immigrants. At a time when the national debate over immigration is more intense than at any time in recent history, our work and expertise are vital to helping newcomers and to educating the broader public about the value new Americans bring to our region.

Mission

The International Institute's mission is to invest in the future of New England's cities and towns by helping refugees and immigrants become active participants in the social, political, and economic richness of American life. Historically and today, IINE's clients are overwhelmingly persecuted, low-income immigrants with limited support networks, and are traditionally among the most underserved groups in the U.S.

Programming

With insights from the people and cities we serve, we have been able to create a holistic continuum of care for each refugee and immigrant in our programming:

- **Refugee Resettlement** – We receive and place an average of 600 refugees each year in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our work during a refugee family's first 90 days in the U.S. involves preparing an apartment for each new arrival, receiving families at local airports, accompanying all family members to initial medical appointments, enrolling members in public benefits and health care plans, assisting families as they enroll their children in public schools, guiding refugees through a cultural orientation program, teaching them enough English to secure employment, and helping adults find good jobs.
- **Case Management** – IINE provides intensive support to refugees during their first year in the U.S., and we focus much of our efforts on helping all enrolled clients stabilize economically by preparing adults for employment and career advancement, lifelong financial management, and literacy and language skills. We have a unique emphasis on family reunification, including helping Central American families reunify with their children and assisting refugees as they petition for loved ones to join them in the United States.

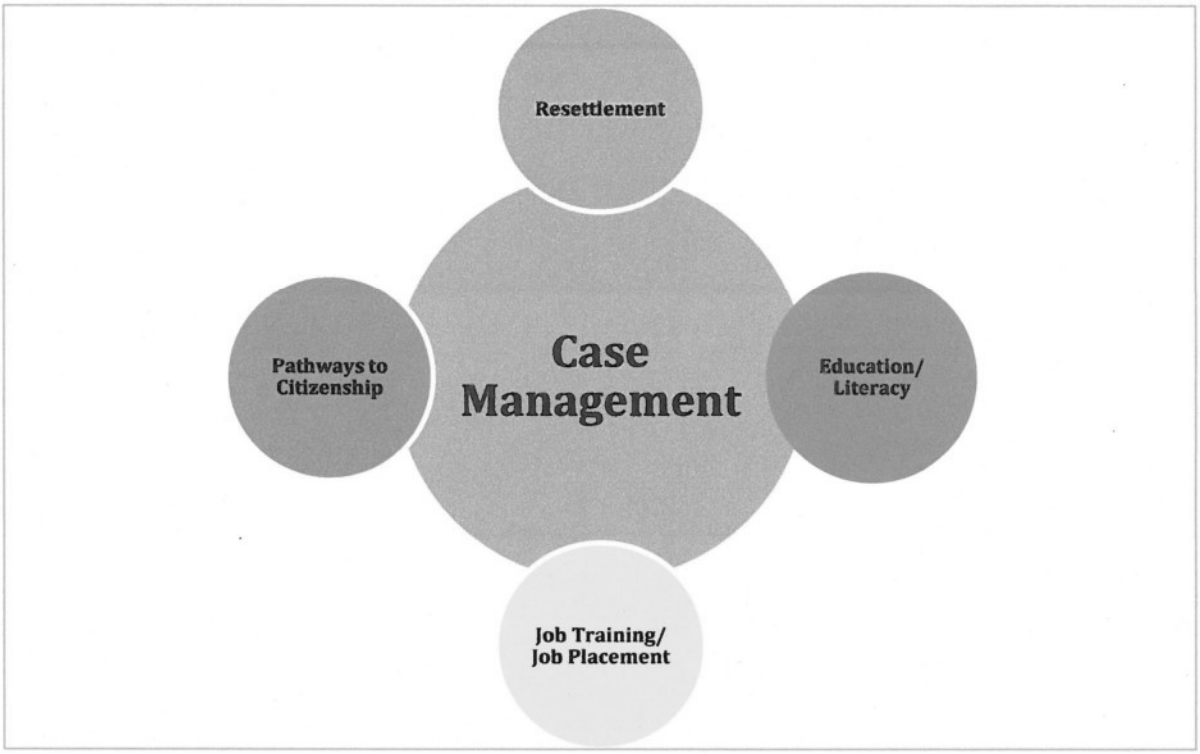
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- **Literacy and Education** – Our staff teaches vocational English to more than 500 new Americans each year, and our Boston site runs a Tier-1, multi-level evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. We also provide support to refugee youth in Lowell and Manchester.
- **Job Placement and Training** – The Institute provides job training and placement services to approximately 700 refugees and immigrants each year, placing clients at nearly 150 companies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- **Pathways to Citizenship** – We provide programs and services in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that help refugees and immigrants adjust their legal status and prepare for citizenship.

The International Institute of New England's Five Point Continuum of Care



Accomplishments

Major accomplishments in the past year include:

- The Institute resettled 623 refugees in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire in 2016, representing 25% of all refugees resettled in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The Institute is the second largest resettlement organization in the region.
- Refugees served by the Institute in 2016 fled violence and persecution in 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma (Myanmar), Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria.
- In FY16, the Institute served almost 500 people in our English language programs.

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- For the past three years, our Boston site's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program has earned the highest rating – Tier 1 – from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Institute has 275 people on the waiting list for this program and will expand it in 2018.
- 88% of the graduates of the Institute's in-demand intensive vocational training programs were placed in full-time service industry jobs upon completion of the program in 2016, earning an average hourly wage of $15.85, a significant jump from their previous income.
- The Institute provided employment counseling services to 686 refugees and immigrants in 2016, 71% of whom received a job placement within six months of starting the program.
- Last year, IINE staff placed new Americans at more than 146 companies across Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our job preparation and placement services were critical to the economic growth of a region with low unemployment and significant labor shortages.
- IINE operates the largest program in Greater Boston reuniting Central American children with their families. Last year, we brought together 114 families, including many who had been separated for a decade or more.
- Between October of 2016 and March of 2017, the number of volunteers at IINE offices grew to 217 people, triple the number from the previous year. In the first part of 2017, more than 1,000 people participated in the Institute's events to learn about our work and to support refugees and immigrants.

Public-Private Partnership

The Institute relies on public and private support to do its important work. This year, 65% of funding is expected to come from federal, state, and local grants and contracts, and 35% of our funding comes from individuals, corporations and foundations. As a public-private partnership, the International Institute leverages public dollars and private donations to serve some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in New England.

We are subject to close scrutiny and monitoring from the federal and state government as well as our national organization, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). This level of oversight assures private foundations and donors that our services are of the highest quality.

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BOSTON CENTER FOR REFUGEE HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS at Boston Medical Center

FAQs:

What does BCRHHR do?

We provide comprehensive medical and mental health care coordinated with social services and legal aid for asylum seekers, refugees, survivors of torture, and their families. We also train professionals to serve this population, conduct research to understand and implement best-practices, and promote health and human rights, locally and globally, to improve the quality of life for survivors of torture and their communities.

What countries do most of your clients come from?

The vast majority of our clients come from Africa, with the top three countries being Uganda, Somalia, and Cameroon.

How do refugees and asylum seekers find out about the program?

Most clients are referred to us by their attorney, a resettlement agency or health care provider. A significant portion of our clients learn about us through word of mouth from family and friends in their communities.

Do you collaborate with other organizations in the area?

Yes, we are a member of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs (NCTTP) . Since we provide a comprehensive range of services, we collaborate closely with immigration lawyers, other health care providers, and other social and refugee related agencies.

Bio of Lin Piwowarczyk, MD, MPH (Director and Co-Founder)

Dr. Lin Piwowarczyk, Co-Founder of the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights (BCRHHR) is a psychiatrist at Boston Medical Center, board certified in Psychiatry and Internal Medicine. She first began working with refugees in 1993, as a Fellow in International Psychiatry at the Indochinese Psychiatry Clinic. Dr. Piwowarczyk also completed an internship at the Geneva headquarters of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She specializes in the mental health evaluation and treatment of refugees and torture survivors, and is currently the principal investigator for a grant funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, addressing, in part, the holistic treatment of survivors of torture. Since 2002, Dr. Piwowarczyk has served on the Executive Committee of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs and was elected NCTTP President in 2011. In 2009, she was awarded the Sarah Haley Memorial Award for Clinical Excellence from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She is also a recipient of the Local Legends Award from the National Library of Medicine that honors female physicians and with BCRHHR colleagues, the Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Caregiver Award Honorable Mention. A Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, she has presented on the topic of torture, locally, nationally, and internationally and has published several articles in various medical journals.

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Boston Center for Refugee Health & Human Rights at Boston Medical Center
The Year 2015 in Numbers

Who are our clients?

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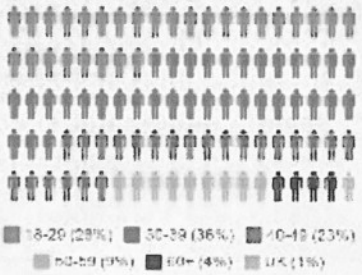
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42% Male

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TOTAL

Age Distribution



Where do our clients come from?

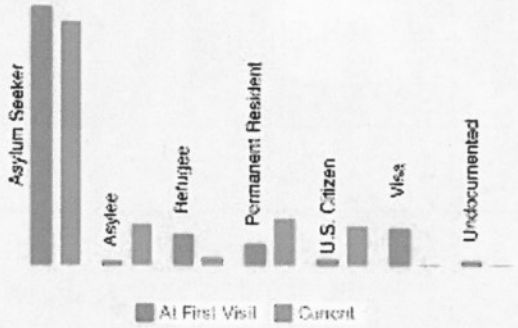


Top 10 Countries of Origin

Uganda
Cameroon
Somalia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ethiopia
Iraq
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
China

What is their immigrations status?

20 Clients were granted asylum in 2015



Immigration Status	First Visit	Current
Asylum Seeker	72%	68%
Asylee	1%	10%
Refugee	8%	2%
Permanent Resident	5.7%	7%
U.S. Citizen	1.5%	11%
Temporary Protected Status	0.8%	0.5%
Undocumented	1%	0%
Visa	9.6%	-
Derivative Asylee	0%	1%

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Massachusetts ORR Refugee Program Briefing

I. Refugee Program Background

The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI) is the agency responsible for administering the Wilson Fish (WF) refugee resettlement program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In place since 1995, MORI subcontracts with USCCB, USCRI, LIRS, ECDC, EMM, and HIAS Resettlement Agency partners to implement the WF program in four primary areas of the state: the greater Boston metropolitan area (including the North Shore); Lowell and the Merrimack Valley; Worcester County, and Hampden County (Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield). MORI is a stand-alone agency located within the Executive Office for Health and Human Services; the Executive Director assumes the role of State Refugee Coordinator and is appointed by the Governor.

MORI provides a comprehensive set of benefits and services to refugees resettling in Massachusetts through the WF program, which include RCA; core and intensive refugee case management; integrated pre and post-employment job services and English language training; literacy training; vocational skills training; Vocational English Language Training (VELT); re/certification training; post resettlement community services; refugee citizenship services; translation and interpreter services; social adjustment services; and youth adjustment services.

State Refugee Coordinator: Mary Truong, Executive Director, Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI), MA Executive Office for Health and Human Services (EOHHS)
State Refugee Health Coordinator: Jennifer Cochran, Director, Refugee and Immigrant Health Program, MA Department of Public Health (DPH)

Consultations

MORI holds mandatory quarterly "Welcoming Network" consultations, held quarterly, which cover the four geographical regions of the Commonwealth: Eastern MA (Suffolk & Essex Counties); Merrimack Valley; Worcester County; and Hampden County. Additional regional consultations occur as needed, along with periodic program-based meetings (regional and/or statewide) to provide opportunities for information sharing and strategizing to resolve issues. Additionally, MORI works with local partners in the resettlement communities (e.g., Mayors' offices, school systems, local Boards of Health, public safety entities, public assistance offices) to prepare them for the arrival of new refugee populations.

II. Total ORR Funding for Refugee Services and Programs

$18,623,221 in ORR funding went to the state in FY2016 to serve refugees and eligible populations. Of this total, nearly all funds were issued to the state-administered Wilson/Fish program; less than ten percent went directly to community based organizations and providers. For a complete list of ORR funding, see Appendix A.

III. FY2016 Arrivals - Top Locations

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The top five countries of origin of refugees in MA were the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, and Iraq, each with 15% of the arriving population; Somalia (12%), and Bhutan (10%). Resettlement occurs in four urban areas: greater Boston, including the North Shore (approximately 20% of arrivals); Lowell (approximately 13% of arrivals); Metrowest/Worcester, with approximately 30% of arrivals, and Western MA (Springfield, Westfield, West Springfield), with about 37% of arrivals.

IV. State Administered Formula Programs

1. The Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program reimburses states for 100 percent of services provided to refugees and other eligible persons, as well as associated administrative costs for the following:

- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URM)

ORR clients determined ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid may be eligible for RCA and RMA for up to eight months from the date of arrival in the U.S., date of final grant of asylum for asylees, or date of certification for trafficking victims.

a) Refugee Cash Assistance and TANF

MORI provides monthly cash assistance to RCA-eligible clients based on MA TANF payment standards, in accordance with Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) regulations. The state agency also receives funding from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) for job placement and job upgrades for refugees who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). RCA payment rates mirror the state's TANF rates:

Case Size	Rate	Case Size	Rate
1	$428	4	$731
2	$531	5	$832
3	$633	6	$936

RCA eligibility determination, enrollment, case maintenance, and recipient file documentation are duties performed under the Refugee Case Management (RCM) contract; RCA Case Managers at the Resettlement Agencies are responsible for determining eligibility for RCA at the initial point of application, and on a monthly basis throughout the RCA eligibility period. They also determine eligibility for the Early Employment Retention Bonus (EERB) for employment 1) gained within 4 months from their date of time eligibility (within 6 months for Cuban and Haitian Entrants) and 2) maintained for a 90-day period.

In May 2014, MORI issued a policy directive establishing a clear set of protocols to encourage Resettlement Agencies to distribute RCA checks to recipients from their offices rather than continue the practice of directly mailing checks to recipients. This check delivery method became mandatory for all new RCA recipients in FFY15.

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b) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and Refugee Medical Screening (RMS)

The Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) has an Interdepartmental Service Agreement with the Office of MassHealth, Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the provision of RMA. Local resettlement agencies have the responsibility for determining initial RMA eligibility for clients they resettle who are ineligible for Medicaid. The RMA income standard is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Massachusetts has expanded Medicaid coverage to low-income adults without dependent children. RMA enrollees should mostly consist of refugees whose income falls between 133% and 200% FPL or former Medicaid clients who lost coverage due to employment but are still within the eight month eligibility period.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) oversees the medical screening program through an Interdepartmental Service Agreement with ORI. DPH contracts with community health centers or hospital-based clinics for the provision of medical services. RMA funds most direct medical screening costs and some costs associated with coordinating screenings. DPH tracks medical screening data in MAVEN

c) Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URMs)

Background
The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program was developed in the late 1970s to address the needs of children who entered the U.S. as refugees without a parent or guardian to care for them. Over the years Congress has passed additional legislation authorizing URM eligibility to other categories of unaccompanied children such as asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, trafficking victims, certain Special Immigrant Juveniles, and U-visa recipients. Eligible children are placed into the URM program and receive the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other children in the State, including those identified in the State's plans under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Grantee/Administration
Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigrants (MORI) is the state agency responsible for administering the URM program. MORI has an Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the provision of URM services. MORI, DCF, and URM program staff have shown strong coordination and communication in administering services. URM services have been provided by Massachusetts since 1980.

Legal Responsibility
Massachusetts is a public custody state. DCF obtains legal custody for the children in their care through a court hearing for those children under 18, and through a Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) up to 72 hours before the child's 18th birthday. As such, all URMs in Massachusetts receive Medicaid benefits (Mass Health) to cover their medical, dental, and mental health care and are eligible for independent living services, education and training vouchers (ETVs), and discharge support from DCF.

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Placements
DCF procures URM services and contracts with Ascentria Care Alliance (a LIRS affiliate) for case management and placement services. DCF oversees placements in foster homes, therapeutic foster care, group homes, and specialized residential care settings across the Commonwealth. MORI has been exceptional in placing high needs youth including pregnant and parenting teens.

URMs Served by Massachusetts in FY 2016		
City: Worcester	Agency Name: Ascentria Care Alliance	194
Total for state		194

Data in the above table was drawn from the URM database on 3/15/17 and is subject to change as database records are reconciled.

2. Refugee Social Services

The Refugee Social Services Program funds services to refugees to help them obtain employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest time possible. Employment and support services are designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in the program.

- Employment Services include: employability assessment, job search, vocational English Language services/ESL, vocational education, on the job training, case management, assistance with daycare, assistance in obtaining employment documents, translation/interpretation assistance, transportation assistance, job development, job upgrade services, and job retention services.
- Support services include: daycare, translation and interpretation for purposes other than employment, citizenship and naturalization preparation services, home management, financial literacy services, and case management services.

Refugees in the following categories receive service priority:
- New arrivals in their first year in the U.S.
- Those receiving cash assistance
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

Eligibility for ORR-funded RES is limited to employable adults ages 18 through 64, who have not yet naturalized, 16 and 17 year olds who will not go to high school but plan to work full-time, and high school students ages 16 through 22, who are in need of part-time jobs. Refugee Employment Services available to employable clients include pre-employment services, post-employment services, and ongoing employment-oriented case management. There are three primary employment services provided through RSS/Formula funds to support Refugee Employment Services (RES): 1) Comprehensive Refugee Employment Services Program (CRES); 2) Re-Certification training grants, and 3) Transportation assistance.

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CRES is an integrated employment/ESOL program for all eligible employable adults providing the following core services:

- Intake and orientation, including vocational and ESOL assessment, development of the FSSP;
- Core pre-employment services (job readiness training fully integrated with employment- oriented ESOL and literacy training where needed, job development, job counseling, vocational skills training when required for initial employment, job search and placement assistance, RES case management to remove barriers to employment, daycare assistance, transportation assistance, translation and interpreter services, and EAD assistance);
- Core post-employment services (job retention assistance (follow-up and mediation with
employer and employed client), job upgrade assistance, career and higher education counseling and planning, vocational skills training when required for job upgrade or re/certification, and ongoing RES case management and related assistance to remove barriers to job retention and employment upgrade).

Employability Services offered under CRES are supplemented and complemented by additional programs for employable clients provided under TAG/Formula and TAG/Discretionary funding when available. These services target sub-populations with special needs and/or within specific geographic areas, and offer additional services, such as longer term/intensive vocational skills training, that may not be available through the primary basic employment services program, CRES.

- **Services to Older Refugees Set-Aside:**
  MORI contracted with local partnerships to serve refugee elders in Worcester; Western Massachusetts (Greater Springfield); and the North Shore (Lynn); three areas with large numbers of older refugees, including Bhutanese, Burmese, Congolese, Iraqi, Somali and other African refugees. Called the Program to Enhance Elder Refugee Services (PEERS), services include case management; referrals to mainstream services; assistance with naturalization; home visits; mental health support; farm/community garden and farmers' market participation; and assistance with housing applications.

- **Refugee School Impact Program Set-Aside:**
  MORI contracts with Resettlement Agencies (3); School Districts (3) and MAAs (2) to provide School Impact programs in Boston, Lynn, Lowell, Worcester, and Hampden County (Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield). Programs provided refugee students and their parents with school liaisons; tutoring; after-school and summer programs; English classes; translation and interpretation at the schools; social and cultural adjustment activities; and other supports.

3. Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)

The Targeted Assistance Grant services are similar to Refugee Social Services; however they are distinctive in that they prioritize:

- Cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance

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- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

MORI currently receives TAG/Formula funds for Suffolk, Middlesex, Worcester and Hampden Counties. The TAG/Formula services that are provided in these four counties complement the Wilson/Fish social services, and are intended to result in economic self-sufficiency and reduced welfare dependency of eligible populations through the attainment of employment in less than one year from enrollment. TAG/Formula services also provide skills training options (e.g. hospitality training, food service training, CNA/HHA training, customer service training, industry specific training, financial literacy, bank teller training and driver's education programs) which are generally not available through the RSS-F CRES program.

V. Discretionary Grants

State Administered Discretionary Grants in Massachusetts

1. Targeted Assistance Discretionary

The TAG-D program, called Empowering Families (EF), assists TANF-eligible employable participants to gain higher-quality employment and higher wages. Empowering Families draws on core refugee employment services and integrated ESOL while providing enhanced assessment, case management, gender-specific discussion groups (Tea Circles), industry-related vocational skills training, Driver's training, licensing assistance, and other supportive employability services. Empowering Families has been provided by two contracted service providers in the Lynn and Lowell refugee resettlement regions.

2. Health Promotion

Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) in Boston is awarded $120,000 in Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funds. RHP funds support the Massachusetts Refugee Health Promotion Program coordinator staff position at ORI. ORI provides the majority of RHP funds, through contractual agreements, to 5 local organizations and partnerships throughout the state that provide health workshops, assistance enrolling in health insurance programs, and coordination of health services for refugees, and trainings for service providers on refugee-specific needs. These contracts are held with: 1) Lutheran Social Services of New England (LSS) in partnership with Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts (JFSWM) in Western Massachusetts, 2) Somali Development Center in partnership with Ethiopian Community MAA and Haitian American Public Health Initiative in Greater Boston, 3) Russian Community Association of Massachusetts (RCAM) in partnership with Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development (BCCRD), Congolese Development Center (CDC), Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC), and Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization (SSSO) in Lynn, 4) Edward M. Kennedy Health Center (EMKHC) in Worcester, and 5) International Institute of New England (IINE).

Discretionary Grants Administered by Resettlement Agency or Other Service Providers

1. Survivors of Torture Program

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The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at Boston Medical Center receives $395,200 each year to provide comprehensive care and case management services to 275 survivors and their families annually in the domains of mental health, primary care, case management, career development, patient navigation, and asylum evaluations was awarded to this grantee.

The Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma (HPRT) receives $360,620 annually to serve approximately 800 Cambodian survivors and newly arrived survivors from other ethnic groups through the Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) by providing mental health care and specialized treatment for those who fail conventional treatment. HPRT offers programs in health promotion, diabetes complex care management, and a training-of-trainers program for community health clinics serving torture survivors statewide. HPRT also continues to disseminate the specialized assessment tools, Harvard Trauma Questionnaire and Hopkins Symptoms Checklist-25.

2. Matching Grant Program

The Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program (MG) was created in 1979 as an intensive case management program with the objective to fast track new arrivals toward economic self-sufficiency within four to six months (120 – 180 days) of program eligibility, without accessing public cash assistance. Enrollment in MG is available to all ORR-eligible populations meeting minimum employability requirements and to the extent funding is available. However, clients must be enrolled within 31 days of becoming eligible to ensure adequate services are provided and self-sufficiency is achieved and maintained within the period of eligibility. As demand for MG Program services continues to exceed available funding, enrollment is not available to all those eligible and desirous of program services.

Client services provided through the Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program include, but are not limited to, case management, employment services, housing and utilities, food, transportation, cash allowance, health and medical, English language training, social adjustment, and other support services.

The MG Program is designed to work in concert with the Reception and Placement (R&P) program for refugees offered by the Department of State (DOS), and the Cuban & Haitian Entrant Reception and Placement (R&P) program offered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Thus, funding under the MG Program is open only to those resettlement agencies that already provide R&P services through a cooperative agreement with the DOS or DHS. Congress confirmed this approach to the program in the 1986 Refugee Assistance Extension Act. The MG Program requires a grantee match of $1 (cash and/or in-kind) for every $2 in Federal funding.

City	Grantee	Local MG Service Provider	FY 2017 Projected Enrollment Slots	FY 2017 Projected Federal Funding	Local Contact

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WORCESTER	ECDC	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC)	40	$88,000	Miriam A. Gas mgas@riacboston.org
WEST SPRINGFIELD	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	40	$88,000	Mohammed Najeeb mnajeeb@ascentria.org
WORCESTER	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	40	$88,000	Lisa Ann Brennan lbrennan@ascentria.org
LOWELL	USCRI	International Institute of New England-Lowell	100	$220,000	Jeffrey Thielman jthielman@iine.us
State Total			220	$484,000	

3. Preferred Communities Program

The Preferred Communities Program's goals are the successful resettlement and integration of especially vulnerable ORR client populations and the enhancement of agencies' capacity to serve such populations at new or established PC locations. Specialized services such as intensive case management is intended to result in these refugees' attainment of self-sufficiency in the area of their lives impacted by their particular vulnerability, which may include, but is not limited to, medical disabilities, trauma, and lack of access to supporting services.

PC Project Location	Resettlement Agency	Local Affiliate Name	Focus	AmeriCorps Site	Local Funding Amount	Local Contact Information
Springfield	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts	Physical & mental health	N	$57,000	Deirdre Griffin; dgriffin@jfswm.org
Westfield	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	N/A	Y	$19,000	Mohammed Najeeb; mnajeeb@ascentria.org
Worcester	ECDC	Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center	Case management; emergency assistance; health; youth	N	$60,000	Anab Egal; aegal@riacboston.org

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			support			

4. Microenterprise Development Program

The Microenterprise Development Program helps refugees develop, expand, or maintain their own businesses and become financially independent. To equip refugees with the skills and resources they need to become successful entrepreneurs, the program provides training and technical assistance in business plan development, management, bookkeeping, and marketing; credit in the form of micro-loans up to a maximum of $15,000 which is repayable with interest during the project period. MED projects are encouraged to leverage funding for the project from other sources in order to meet the capital need of the clients and to enhance the sustainability of the program.

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MORI was funded $250,000 per year for four years (09/29/2013-09/30/2017) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project. The project is being be implemented in the Greater Boston area in partnership with Jewish Vocational Services and in the Greater area of Worcester and Springfield in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of New England. The main goal of the program is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economic self-sufficiency by giving them loan capital and providing them sustained technical assistance. As of September 30, 2016, the project has made 122 loans for $1,712,515, created/retained 203 jobs, and leveraged $106,500.

5. Refugee Individual Development Accounts Program

Individual Development Accounts (IDA) are matched savings accounts designed to help refugees save for a specific purchase. Under the IDA program, the matching funds, together with the refugee's own savings from their employment, are available for purchasing one (or more) of four savings goals: home purchase, small business development, post-secondary education or training, or an automobile for employment purposes. Refugees also receive basic financial literacy training and training focused on their specific savings goal(s).

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	CONTACT
International Institute of Boston	Boston	MA	9/30/2016	9/29/2019	$245,817	Emily Leslie (b)(6) @iine.org

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Boston – International Institute of Boston $245,817
The organization is a previous grantee of the program but is in the first year of a new three-year project period. While progress for the grant has not been reported yet, the grantee proposed to accomplish the following during its project period:

- Enroll 223 eligible refugee individuals and families into the program
- Establish savings accounts for all 223 clients
- Provide financial literacy training for all clients and their family members
- Assist in the purchase of at least 200 assets to help establish economic self-sustainability

VI. Employment Outcomes

Massachusetts reported 71 percent of Match Grant participants as self-sufficient at Day 180. Within the GPRA-AOGP caseload that is over seven times larger than the MG caseload, outcomes are slightly better, with 71% of clients entering employment, 86% achieving 90-day retention, and an average wage of $11.15

VII. Major Issues/Concerns

Catholic Charities of Boston Pauses Refugee R&P: USCCB placed a temporary halt on resettlement through Catholic Charities of Boston (CCB) in FY2016, due to challenges the agency has been facing in securing affordable housing in the greater Boston and Merrimack Valley areas. The affiliate reopened its R&P program at the start of FY2017, but continues to face challenges with housing.

Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS) to Re-Open: The HIAS affiliate, located in Framingham, had halted the provision of resettlement services at this location in FY2016, but planned to re-initiate services in FY2017 with the expanded caseload, utilizing a modified community-sponsored model with extensive volunteer involvement. However, recent changes to the admissions ceiling may put another pause on arrivals through the agency this year.

Catholic Charities of Western Massachusetts: This office of USCCB was approved as an expanded resettlement site for FY2017, to resettle in the Springfield/Northampton area. With recent changes to the resettlement ceiling, the agency has not received any arrivals to date.

MORI Staffing: ORR has recommended in recent years that MORI work to reduce staffing, especially under the WF funding. Since FY 2011, FTEs charged to the WF program have been incrementally rising, as have staff positions overall, despite statements each year that MORI has worked to trim staff positions. For FY 2016, there are 18 staff positions, with 9.09 FTEs (part of 15 positions) charged to WF.

VIII. Program Highlights/Best Practices

The New Americans Center (NAC) in Lynn (greater Boston/North Shore) is a consortium of ECBOs and resettlement agency partners, providing a range of social services under one roof. Located in an area where refugees live and work, the NAC is a strong community resource, and a good example of collaborative practices.

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Appendix A - ORR Funding Overview for FY 2016 - Massachusetts

ORR Funding Massachusetts - FY2016	
Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA) [1]	$14,803,860
Social Services (SS) [1]	$1,447,813
Targeted Assistance Formula (TA-F) [1]	$818,391
Wilson Fish (WF) [2]	$3,814,588
Refugee School Impact (RSI) [3]	$471,749
Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TA-D) [3]	$186,225
Services to Older Refugees (SOR) [3]	$97,200
Cuban/Haitian (C/H) [3]	$0
Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) [3]	$128,055
Matching Grant (MG) [4]	$484,000
Preferred Communities (PC) [5]	$0
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) [6]	$0
Micro-enterprise Development (MED) [6]	$250,000
Family Child Care Microenterprise Development (RFCCMED) [6]	$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECS-H) [6]	$0
Refugee Agricultural Partnership (RAPP) [6]	$0
Survivors of Torture (SOT) [6]	$775,820
Total	**$19,143,143**

Footnotes: This table represents a snapshot of ORR funding available to date for FY 2016. Amounts may vary as new funding opportunities are awarded and as continuation applications are processed. In addition, amounts may also vary as grantees sub-award funds throughout their network.

[1] CMA amounts listed here are for FY 2016 awards to date. SS and TA-F Grant amounts listed here are for FY 2016 allocations listed in the FY 2016 Final Notices.

[2] WF figures are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

[3] Funding figures for the State Discretionary grants: RSI, TAG-D, RHP, and C/H are FY 2016/16 awards for use in FY 2016. SOR funds are a set-aside of the RSS formula grant.

[4] FY 2016 MG funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates. MG funds are awarded on a per capita basis, so the funds available within the state are listed here.

[5] FY 2016 PC funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates on a programmatic rather than a per capita basis, so the PC funds available within the state may not be shown on this chart.

[6] Funding figures for the IDA, MED, SOT, ECS-H, and RAPP shown in this table are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016. These grants are not managed by the state and may be awarded to different organizations within a state.

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State:	Massachusetts
Profile FFY:	FY2016

Regional Offices to complete for profi
5/1 of the current FFY year

ORR Regional Representative:	Julie Munro			
ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
Previous FFY Numbers	1688	144	85	99
ORR Populations Total	2,016			
Profile FFY Year Numbers	1,734	88	348	100
ORR Populations Total	2,270			

Top 5 Countries	Number
Dem. Rep. Congo	339
Haiti	334
Iraq	332
Somalia	263
Bhutan	221

Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program	Total FFY Expenditures
Refuge Cash Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$3,050,321
Refugee Medical Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Refugee Medical Screening (include WF CMA as applicable)	$1,758,132
Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	$7,109,143

Cash Assistance Levels	Single
Refugee Cash Assistance	$428
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	$428
Wilson/Fish or Public/Private Partnership	$428

CMA Total ORR Authorized FFY Award	$10,169,380
Refugee Social Services FFY Allocation	$1,447,813
Targeted Assistance Formula FFY Allocation	$818,391
State Plan (year last approved)	2017
Current FFY CMA Budget Estimate Total	$14,803,860
Monitoring (year last conducted)	2015
Medicaid Expanded State?	yes

FFY OUTCOMES (GPRA-AO

Employability Services (0-60 months e	
Caseload	1,66
Entered Employments	1,17
Outcome Rate	71%
Cash Terminations	642
Termination Rate	72%
Retentions (90-day)	86%
Average Wage	$11.1

ORR Discretionary Grants	Amount
Wilson/Fish	$3,814,588
Targeted Assistance	$186,225
Refugee School Impact	$471,749
Services to Older Refugees	$97,200
Cuban/Haitian Grant	$0
Health Promotion	$128,055
Individual Development Account	$0
Preferred Communities (funded through Volags)	YES
Micro Enterprise Development	$250,000
Refugee Agricultural Project	$0
Micro-Enterprise Development Home Based Childcare	$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help	$0
Survivors of Torture	$755,820
Matching Grant	$484,000
Total ORR Discretionary Funding	$6,187,637
Total ORR Funding	**$18,623,221**

FFY OUTCOMES (MG)

Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	
Outcome Rate	
Average Wage	
Reaching 180 days	
SS on 180-day	
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State Refugee Coordinator

Mary Truoung

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Jennifer Cochran

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Boston, MA Agenda
August 3 -5, 2017

Wednesday, August 2

Flight: United Flight 822, Leaving IAD @ 5:13pm, Arriving BOS @ 6:54pm

Hotel: Courtyard Cambridge Marriott
777 Memorial Drive Cambridge MA 02139
Confirmation (b)(4)
Phone: 617-492-7777

Mass: **Please see last page of Agenda**

Thursday, August 3

11:00am – 12:00pm **Repatriation Briefing**
MEMA Headquarters
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 East) Farmingham MA 01702-5399

1:00pm – 3:00pm Site Name: **New Americans Center**
Site Address: 20 Wheeler St, Lynn, MA (JB Flood Building)
Special Instructions: Call (b)(6), upon arrival (b)(6)
Site POC: Natasha Soolkin, Director, (b)(6) @gmail.com,
Phone: 781-593-0100 x (b)(
ORR Grants: RSS, TAG-D, Health Promotion
Attendees: Elaine Zimmerman, ACF Regional Administrator

Friday, August 4

10:00am – ~~12:00~~ 1:00 pm Site Name: **International Institute of New England (Boston office)**
Site Address: 2 Boylston Street, 3rd floor, Boston, MA
Site POC: Alexandra Weber, Chief Program Officer, (b)(6) @iine.org,
Phone: 617-695-9990 x (b)(6)
ORR Grants: RSS, TAG-F, WF, IDA
Attendees: Zoltan Csimma, Board Chair; Mary Truong, State Refugee Coordinator (+ 3 Staff members)

~~12:00pm-1:00pm~~ Lunch w/ Regional Rep at **Blunch**
Address: 59 E Springfield St, Boston, MA 02118

2:00pm-4:00pm Site Name: **The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at Boston Medical Center**
Site Address: 771 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118
Site POC: Dr. Lin Piwowarczyk,
Phone: (b)(6)
ORR Grants: Services for Survivors of Torture

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NCSL Task Force on Immigration and the States
Legislative Summit | Boston, Massachusetts
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel – Stone Meeting Room

Presiding
Senator Mo Denis, Nevada | Task Force Co-Chair
Senator René García, Florida | Task Force Co-Chair

Saturday, August 5

12:00 - 12:30 **Working Lunch (lunch available starting at 11:30)**

- **Welcoming Remarks**: Task Force Co-Chairs

- **Task Force Business Meeting Roundtable**
  - Reports from state legislators on 2017 legislative sessions
  - T.A. offer from NAE/WES
  - Discuss Task Force report to the Executive Committee

12:30 – 1:30 **Update from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
- **Speaker: Brian Hyer,** (Acting) Deputy Assistant Secretary, DHS – Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Speaker: Debra Rogers,** Deputy Associate Director, DHS – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- **Speaker: Matthew Albence,** Executive Associate Director, DHS – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1:30 – 2:00 **Update from the Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**
- **Speaker: Scott Lloyd,** Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement

2:00 – 3:00 **Perspectives on Immigration from International Delegates**
- **Soo Wong,** MP, Scarborough-Agincourt, Ontario Legislature, Canada
- **Janneck Herre,** Executive Director, Partnership of Parliaments, Germany
- **Maria José de Sousa Fialho,** Head of Unit – European Parliament, Washington, DC

3:00 **Depart for Site Visit to Union Square Main Street**
Tour of the Somerville neighborhood emphasizing economic development and immigrant businesses

5:00 **Task Force adjourns**

NCSL thanks the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for their generous support of this invitational meeting. We are also grateful to the New American Economy and World Education Services for their sponsorship of the Task Force

Contact information: Ann Morse (C): 202-(b)(6) / Sakeenah Shabazz (C): 619-(b)(6)

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Sunday, August 6

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Putting Workers to Work: Addressing Labor Needs and the H-2A Program
Boston Convention Center 257 A
Summary: Agricultural producers have looked to the federal H-2A program to fill temporary jobs with foreign nationals. This session will provide information on state approaches and current federal efforts to address this agricultural need through the guest worker program.

Speakers: Joe Young, New England Apple Council
Mark Amato, American Farm Bureau Federation's Labor Committee

2:15 – 3:45 Immigration in 2017 (CLE)
Boston Convention Center 156 BC

Summary: The role of state and local law enforcement in federal immigration policy is back in the forefront of public debate. Learn about sanctuary policies, and actions by states and Congress. What do the administration's orders on immigration enforcement mean for states? How have the courts weighed in?
Moderator: Representative Craig Tieszen, South Dakota
Speakers: Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Esq., The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania
Representative Thomas U. Reynolds, Mississippi

This session is cosponsored by the Task Force on Immigration and the States and the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

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Charlottesville, VA

Thursday, July 2017 –

Friday, July 21, 2017

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Charlottesville, VA Agenda
July 20 -21, 2017

Thursday, July 20

Hotel:	Courtyard by Marriott 638 Hillside Dr. Charlottesville, VA 22901 Confirmation: (b)(4) Phone: 434-973-7100
Car Rental:	Enterprise 1500 N Shenandoah Ave. Front Royal, VA 22630 Confirmation: (b)(4) Phone: 540-636-8181
8:00am	**Pick up Rental Car** Address: 1500 N Shenandoah Ave. Front Royal, VA 22630
8:30am	**Drive to UAC Site Visit** **Address:** Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Staunton, VA (b)(6);(b)
10:30am – 12:00pm	**UAC Site Visit** **Site Name**: Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center **Site Address**: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Staunton, VA (b)(6);(b) **ORR Grants**: UAC Program **Contact**: (b)(6)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	**Lunch**
1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Drive to Charlottesville (drive est. 45min)** **Site Address**: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Charlottesville, VA (b)(6);(b)(
2:30pm – 4:00pm	**Refugee Site visit** **Site Name**: IRC – Charlottesville **Site Address**: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Charlottesville, VA (b)(6);(b)(**ORR Grants**: Preferred Communities, Matching Grant, RAPP, Refugee Social Services, School Impact **Contact**: Harriet Kuhr | Executive Director, (b)(6) @rescue.org, 434-979-7772 x (b)(6

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Friday, July 21

8:00am – 9:00am	**Travel to Harrisonburg (drive est. 57 minutes)**
9:00am – 11:00am	**Refugee Site Visit** **Site Name**: Church World Services **Site Address**: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(F) Harrisonburg, Virginia (b)(6);(b)(**ORR Grants**: RSS Employment program, School Impact **Contact**: Jim Hershberger, Director Immigration & Refugee Program (b)(6) @cwsglobal.org 540-(b)(6)
11:30am – 12:45pm	**Lunch** Bella Luna Wood Fired Pizza 80 W. Water Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 Phone: 540-433-1366
1:00pm -4:00pm	**Return rental car** Address: 1500 N Shenandoah Ave. Front Royal, VA 22630

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Reserved For: LLOYD EDWARD SCOTT

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Approximate total: USD156.75
Base rate does not include taxes and surcharges
Government Rate Car renter must be 18 years of age with a valid drivers license. Car renter must be 25 years of age with a valid drivers license.
Credit card in the name of driver is required for rental

HOTEL **Thursday, 20JUL 2017**

Courtyard North Marriott (COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT)
638 Hillsdale Dr Charlottesville VA 22901 US
Number of Rooms: 1
Phone: 1 434-9737100
Rate: USD 126.00
Check Out: Friday, 21JUL 2017
Hotel membership: (b)(6)
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State	VA
FFY	2016

Top 20 resettlement locations in the state	
City	ORR Population
Falls Church	802
Newport News	333
Richmond	306
Charlottesville	291
Harrisonburg	266
Roanoke	228
Alexandria	149
Other -100 or fewer	1,020

Volags in the state by name
CWS - Church World Service
IRC - International Rescue Committee
LIRS - Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Service
USCCB - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Resettlement Agencies in the state by Name	City
IRC- International Rescue Committee	Charlottesville
LRIS- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Ar	Falls Church
USCCB- Refugee Services	Fredericksburg
CWS- Church World Service	Harrisonburg
USCCB- Immigration and Refugee Services	Newport News
CWS- Church World Service	Richmond
USCCB- Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Richmond
USCCB- Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Roanoke

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State:	VIRGINIA
Profile FFY:	

Regional Offices to complete for profile FFY by 5/1 of the current FFY year

ORR Regional Representative:	Pierrot Rugaba			
ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
Previous FFY Numbers	1312	98	33	1005
ORR Populations Total	2,448			
Profile FFY Year Numbers	1,471	87	109	1,728
ORR Populations Total	3,395			

Top 5 Countries	Number	% of ORR Popul.
Afghanistan	1,703	50%
Iraq	468	14%
Dem. Rep. of Congo	311	9%
Syria	199	6%
Buthan	115	3%

Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program	Total FFY Expenditures
Refuge Cash Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Refugee Medical Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Refugee Medical Screening (include WF CMA as applicable)	$0
Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	$0

Cash Assistance Levels	Single	Family of 3
Refugee Cash Assistance	$213	$364
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	$0	$0
Wilson/Fish or Public/Private Partnership	$0	$0

CMA Total ORR Authorized FFY Award	$8,737,536
Refugee Social Services FFY Allocation	$1,951,108
Targeted Assistance Formula FFY Allocation	$406,541
State Plan (year last approved)	2017
Current FFY CMA Budget Estimate Total	$0
Monitoring (year last conducted)	2016
Medicaid Expanded State?	No

FFY OUTCOMES (GPRA-AOGP)	
Employability Services (0-60 months eligible)	
Caseload	2,096
Entered Employments	1,055
Outcome Rate	50%
Cash Terminations	238
Termination Rate	69%
Retentions (90-day)	95%
Average Wage	$11.01

ORR Discretionary Grants	Amount
Wilson/Fish	$0
Targeted Assistance	$0
Refugee School Impact	$453,839
Services to Older Refugees	$97,200
Cuban/Haitian Grant	$0
Health Promotion	$133,055
Individual Development Account	$0
Preferred Communities (funded through Volags)	YES or NO
Micro Enterprise Development	$0
Refugee Agricultural Project	$85,000
Micro-Enterprise Development Home Based Childcare	$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help	$150,000
Survivors of Torture	$250,000
Matching Grant	$2,213,200
Total ORR Discretionary Funding	$3,382,294
Total ORR Funding	**$14,477,479**

FFY OUTCOMES (MG)	
Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	920
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	589
Outcome Rate	64%
Average Wage	$10.62
Reaching 180 days	965
SS on 180-day	798
Outcome Rate	83%

State Refugee Coordinator	
Seyoum Berhe	
Phone	804-726-7927

State Refugee Health Coordinator	
Jill Grumbine	
Phone	804-864-7911

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ORR clients determined ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid may be eligible for RCA and RMA for up to eight months from the date of arrival in the U.S., date of final grant of asylum for asylees, or date of certification for trafficking victims.

a) Refugee Cash Assistance and TANF

VA local departments of social services (LDSS) are responsible for processing applications for TANF and RCA programs. Refugees who meet the TANF financial requirements, but are ineligible for TANF due to a categorical reason, are eligible for RCA. RCA income and standard of need requirements are the same as TANF. RCA is limited to eight months from the date of arrival or date asylum is granted. The monthly payment level for an RCA family of one is $213; the TANF assistance level for a family of three is $364.

b) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and Refugee Medical Screening (RMS)

The Department of Social Services (VDSS) oversees the RMA program including providing RMA policy guidance to local DSS offices which determine eligibility for RMA. In collaboration with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), DSS shares responsibility for the provision of RMA benefits. The RMA income standard follows the state's Medically Needy financial eligibility standards. Virginia has not expanded Medicaid to low-income adults without dependent children.

VDSS has a contract with the Department of Health (VDH) for the administration of the medical screening. Local health departments (LHD) in Virginia provide screenings to refugees through RMA funds. VDH provides coordination and technical assistance to local resettlement agencies and LHDs and reimburses LHDs for the provision of medical screenings. VDH tracks medical screening data in an ACCESS database; however, VDH is currently working with VDSS to transition into a web-based system.

c) Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program

Background

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program was developed in the late 1970s to address the needs of children who entered the U.S. as refugees without a parent or guardian to care for them. Over the years Congress has passed additional legislation authorizing URM eligibility to other categories of unaccompanied children such as asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, trafficking victims, certain Special Immigrant Juveniles, and U-visa recipients. Eligible children are placed into the URM program and receive the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other children in the State, including those identified in the State's plans under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the URM program is to help unaccompanied minors develop appropriate skills to enter adulthood and to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency through delivery of child welfare services in a culturally sensitive manner.

Grantee/Administration

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The Virginia Office of Newcomer Services (ONS) within the State's Department of Social Services receives the ORR's Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) funds to operate its URM program. ONS then contracts for the services with a licensed child welfare agency, Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC). URM services have been provided in and around Richmond since 1979.

Legal Responsibility

While the State's child welfare system can be described as a county-administered system, CCC obtains legal responsibility for URM children in their care. As a result of being in private agency custody, URMs in Virginia do not qualify for the Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) and independent living services which are partially funded through the state's Chafee allocation from the Children's Bureau. For a parity of services, ONS provides an ORR-funded equivalent educational training or services for eligible youth.

Placements/Services

CCC is affiliated with and receives placements from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), one of the two national resettlement agencies that receive Reception and Placement funds from the Department of State for resettlement of unaccompanied refugee minors from overseas. CCC is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and is licensed and authorized under Virginia law to accept custody of foster children and adoptive placement and provide supervision and case management services. Placements are made in about five counties, while legal responsibility is established in Henrico County court. A few years ago, ONS contracted with CCC for a trial sub-office in Roanoke, where custody was established in Roanoke County court. ONS has been expressing its intention to close URM operations in Roanoke when the last youth terminates from the program. However, to meet the growing need for capacity, ORR is working with ONS for the possible continuation and further development of the Roanoke sub-office. Currently, URM children are placed in foster care, therapeutic foster care, group homes, semi-independent living, independent living, or residential treatment center placements.

URMs Served by Virginia in FY 2016		
Richmond (and sub-office of Roanoke)	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	71
Total for state		**71**

Data in the above table was drawn from the URM database on 3/14/2017and is subject to change as database records are reconciled.

2. Refugee Social Services

The Refugee Social Services Program funds services to refugees to help them obtain employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest time possible. Employment and support services are designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in the program.

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ONS contracts with community based non-profit organizations to provide eligible refugee populations with services funded through the Refugee Social Services and Targeted Assistance Program grant funding. Virginia's refugee employment program is called the *Refugee Social Services Employment Program* (RSSEP).

- Employment Services include: employability assessment, job search, vocational English Language services/ESL, vocational education, on the job training, case management, assistance with daycare, assistance in obtaining employment documents, translation/interpretation assistance, transportation assistance, job development, job upgrade services, and job retention services.
- Support services include: daycare, translation and interpretation for purposes other than employment, citizenship and naturalization preparation services, home management, financial literacy services, and case management services.

Refugees in the following categories receive service priority:

- New arrivals in their first year in the U.S.
- Those receiving cash assistance
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

Services to Older Refugees Set-Aside: This project assists older refugees in accessing community support networks and facilitates in becoming and remaining independent in the communities where they are resettled.

Cuban/Haitian Set-Aside: Under this program, VA prepares Cuban and Haitian Entrants with assistance in preparing for the U.S citizenship test and encourages civic engagement. Cuban and Haitian entrants are eligible for cash and medical assistance from the same agencies and under the same conditions as other individuals with refugee-eligible immigration documents.

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3. Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)

The Targeted Assistance Grant services are similar to Refugee Social Services; however they are distinctive in that they prioritize:

- Cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

TAG funds are used to supplement, and not to replace other funded programs. Funding under this program is used to provide intensive services in the targeted area.

County Name	Refugees	C-H Entrants	Asylees	SIVs	Total	Total Allocation Amount
Fairfax	586	0	6	572	1,164	$242,386

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Henrico	464	1	0	104	569	$118,486

V. Discretionary Grants

State Administered Discretionary Grants in VA

1. Targeted Assistance Discretionary

N/A

2. Refugee School Impact

Also called the Virginia Refugee Achievement Project (VRAP), this project assists refugee children in the geographic area covered by the grant to succeed in school. Under this project, parents are provided with the needed support to understand the U.S education system and educators are provided with the understanding of the needs of refugee children.

3. Health Promotion

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in Richmond is awarded $125,000 in Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funds. VDH utilizes RHP funds to purchase thermometers for refugees, and to maintain a contractual agreement with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS). The contract with DBHDS supports an annual refugee summit, an emergency interpreter funding pool, and the following trainings for service providers: 1) Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention, 2) Multicultural Mental Health First Aid, 3) Virginia Language Access Collaborative workshops held at an annual conference, 4) Trauma Informed Cultural Orientation for New Refugees, 5) Center for International Stabilization and Recovery Adolescent Peer Support Training, 6) Refugee Cultural and Linguistic Competence Facilitator Certification, 7) Qualified Bilingual Staff Training, Mental Health Interpreter Training.

Discretionary Grants Administered by Resettlement Agency or Other Service Providers

1. Survivors of Torture Program

Northern Virginia Family Services' (NVFS) Program for Survivors of Torture and Severe Trauma (PSTT) receives $250,000 annually to serve 130 clients each year. NVFS provides in-house mental health, case management, and legal services. NVFS' health access program provides PSTT clients with access to affordable health and dental care in the community. PSTT has a longstanding relationship with George Washington University Medical Center for psychiatric services and medication management. In addition, PSTT provides on-site counseling services for refugees at Lutheran Social Services/National Capitol Area's resettlement center.

2. Matching Grant Program

The Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program (MG) was created in 1979 as an intensive case management program with the objective to fast track new arrivals toward economic self-

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sufficiency within four to six months (120 – 180 days) of program eligibility, without accessing public cash assistance. Enrollment in MG is available to all ORR-eligible populations meeting minimum employability requirements and to the extent funding is available. However, clients must be enrolled within 31 days of becoming eligible to ensure adequate services are provided and self-sufficiency is achieved and maintained within the period of eligibility. As demand for MG Program services continues to exceed available funding, enrollment is not available to all those eligible and desirous of program services.

Client services provided through the Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program include, but are not limited to, case management, employment services, housing and utilities, food, transportation, cash allowance, health and medical, English language training, social adjustment, and other support services.

The MG Program is designed to work in concert with the Reception and Placement (R&P) program for refugees offered by the Department of State (DOS), and the Cuban & Haitian Entrant Reception and Placement (R&P) program offered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Thus, funding under the MG Program is open only to those resettlement agencies that already provide R&P services through a cooperative agreement with the DOS or DHS. Congress confirmed this approach to the program in the 1986 Refugee Assistance Extension Act. The MG Program requires a grantee match of $1 (cash and/or in-kind) for every $2 in Federal funding.

City	Grantee	Local MG Service Provider	FY 2017 Projected Enrollment Slots	FY 2017 Porjected Federal Funding	Local Contact
HARRISONBURG	CWS	CWS-Harrisonburg	85	$187,000	Jim Hershberger jhershberger@cwsglobal.org
RICHMOND	CWS	CWS Richmond	120	$264,000	John Baumann jbaumann@cwsglobal.org
CHARLOTTESVILLE	IRC	IRC Charlottesville	147	$323,400	Harriet Kuhr harriet.kuhr@rescue.org
RICHMOND	IRC	IRC Richmond	10	$22,000	Harriet Kuhr harriet.kuhr@rescue.org
FALLS CHURCH	LIRS	Lutheran Social Services of National Capitol Area	110	$242,000	Razan Osman osmanr@lssnca.org
ARLINGTON	USCCB	Refugee Services	400	$880,000	Patricia Maloof pmaloof@ccda.net
RICHMOND	USCCB	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	150	$330,000	Amar Bhattarai amar.bhattarai@cccofva.org

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NEWPORT NEWS	USCCB	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	TBD	TBD	Amar Bhattarai amar.bhattarai@cccofva.org
ROANOKE	USCCB	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	TBD	TBD	Amar Bhattarai amar.bhattarai@cccofva.org
State Totals			1,022	$2,248,400	

3. Preferred Communities Program

The Preferred Communities Program's goals are the successful resettlement and integration of especially vulnerable ORR client populations and the enhancement of agencies' capacity to serve such populations at new or established PC locations. Specialized services such as intensive case management is intended to result in these refugees' attainment of self-sufficiency in the area of their lives impacted by their particular vulnerability, which may include, but is not limited to, medical disabilities, trauma, and lack of access to supporting services.

PC Project Location	Resettlement Agency	Local Affiliate Name	Focus	AmeriCorps Site	Local Funding Amount	Local Contact Information
Charlottesville	IRC	IRC	Medical, mental health; Congolese; single parents	Y	$66,146	Harriet Kuhr; harriet.kuhr@rescue.org
Harrisonburg	CWS	CWS Harrisonburg	Medical & mental health case management; youth services	Y	$74,900	Jim Hershberger; jhershberger@cwsglobal.org
Richmond	CWS	CWS Richmond	ICM	Y	$62,900	John Baumann; jbaumann@cwsglobal.org

4. Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program

The Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program (RAPP) improves the supply and quality of food in urban and rural areas through refugee farming projects, which provide income opportunities for refugees while also encouraging a healthy diet. RAPP supports collaboration among refugees and other community-based organizations to participate in activities such as community gardens, small acreage farming, farm-to-school programs, school gardens, health and nutrition classes, and farmers' markets and local food banks.

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	CONTACT

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Sections to be completed by DRA, URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

			START	END		
International Rescue Committee	Charlottesville	VA	9/30/16	9/29/19	$100,000	Brooke Ray Brooke.ray@rescue.org

Charlottesville – International Rescue Committee (IRC) $100,000

The grantee is in the first year of a three-year project period. While progress for the grant has not been reported yet, the grantee proposed to accomplish the following during its project period:

- Increase access to land and other resources for the purpose of farming.
- Incorporate relevant refugee cultural backgrounds and allow refugees to use their experience and skills in farming.
- Increase refugee knowledge and skills in nutrition and food safety for personal consumption and where relevant, processing for market.
- Increase knowledge of farming safety.
- Provide farming business development and training to refugees interested in pursuing farming as a means towards self-sufficiency.
- Increase potential for supplemental income through refugee farming initiatives.
- Increase access to healthy and nutritious foods through farming—particularly in urban areas, or areas defined as food deserts by USDA.
- Increase the psychosocial development of refugees.

VI. Employment Outcomes

Virginia's state employability programs served 2,096 refugees in FY16, with the state reporting 50% (1,055) of participants entering employment and a 95% 90-day job retention rate. The average wage was $11.01 per hour. Among RCA and TANF recipients, 238 participants (69%) terminated cash assistance.

VII. Major Issues/Concerns

N/A

VIII. Program Highlights/Best Practices

Skills Training for Earning Potential (STEP) Program that focuses on the strengths that newly arrived eligible population bring. The state allows for flexibility at the local affiliate level to tailor the program to meet the diverse clients, skill-set and employment opportunities in each community. STEP key feature includes working closely with the WIOA Employment and Administration programs in VA by assisting refugee dislocated workers to rapidly access relevant training and certifications.

Appendix A - ORR Funding Overview for FY 2016-VA

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ORR Funding STATE - FY 2016	
Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA) [1]	$8,737,536
Social Services (SS) [1]	$1,951,108
Targeted Assistance Formula (TA-F) [1]	$406,541
Wilson Fish (WF) [2]	$
Refugee School Impact (RSI) [3]	$453,839
Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TA-D) [3]	$
Services to Older Refugees (SOR) [3]	$97,200
Cuban/Haitian (C/H) [3]	$0
Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) [3]	$133,055
Matching Grant (MG) [4]	$2,213,200
Preferred Communities (PC) [5]	$
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) [6]	$0
Micro-enterprise Development (MED) [6]	$0
Family Child Care Microenterprise Development (RFCCMED) [6]	$
Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECS-H) [6]	$150,000
Refugee Agricultural Partnership (RAPP) [6]	$85,000
Survivors of Torture (SOT) [6]	$250,000
Total	**$14,477,479**

Footnotes: This table represents a snapshot of ORR funding available to date for FY 2016. Amounts may vary as new funding opportunities are awarded and as continuation applications are processed. In addition, amounts may also vary as grantees sub-award funds throughout their network.

1 CMA amounts listed here are for FY 2016 awards to date. SS and TA-F Grant amounts listed here are for FY 2016 allocations listed in the FY 2016 Final Notices; (The TAGF 2nd allocation was amended which resulted in a slightly higher funding amount than was listed on the Final Notice).

2 WF figures are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

3 Funding figures for the State Discretionary grants: TAG-D and RHP FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

4 FY 2016 MG funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates. MG funds are awarded on a per capita basis, so the funds available within the state are listed here.

5 FY 2016 PC funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates on a programmatic rather than a per capita basis, so the PC funds available within the state may not be shown on this chart.

6 Funding figures for the IDA, MED, RFCCMED, SOT, ECS-H, and RAPP shown in this table are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016. These grants are not managed by the state and may be awarded to different organizations within a state.

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Visit of ORR Director Scott Lloyd

IRC in Charlottesville

Thursday, July 20 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm

2:30 – 3:00 **Greetings by IRC Executive Director Harriet Kuhr**

Presentation on Matching Grant and Refugee Social Services Employment Programs

Justin Gandy, Resettlement Manager
Monte Hackney, Senior Employment Specialist

Ali M. Daleh, RSSEP Program Participant, Employee, Omni Charlottesville Hotel
Patti Shifflette, Human Resources Director, Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Maliro Kasondwa, MG Participant, Employee, Cathy Mares Custom Sewing, Ltd.
Cynthia Kinnier, Office Manager, Cathy Mares Custom Sewing, Ltd.

3:00 – 3:15 **Presentation on Refugee Agriculture Partnership Program and New Roots**

Elizabeth Moore, New Roots Coordinator
Megan Young, New Roots Specialist

3:15 – 3:45 **Presentation on Preferred Communities Intensive Case Management Program, Health Liaison Program, and Virginia Refugee Student Achievement Program (School Impact Grant)**

Justin Gandy, Resettlement Manager
Erica Uhlmann, Medical Case Manager
Emily Bayens, Intensive Case Management AmeriCorps

Naief Ghazoul, Intensive Case Management Program Participant

3:45 – 4:00 **Discussion with Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer on Community Support for Refugee Resettlement**

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Building New Lives in Charlottesville



Refugees come from crowded camps and life-threatening conflict zones around the world. Many have waited years for a place to call home. With support from the community, the International Rescue Committee has helped over 3,500 refugees from 32 countries build new lives in Charlottesville.

WHAT WE DO

► **Resettlement:** When refugees arrive in Charlottesville, the IRC helps them adjust to life in the U.S. IRC case managers ensure that all refugees receive comprehensive services and case management. The IRC provides safe and affordable housing, matches refugees with volunteer mentors, facilitates school enrollment for children, and makes referrals for medical care and other necessary services.

► **Employment Services**: Jobs are critical to the success of newly arrived refugees. All refugees come to the U.S. legally and are given immediate authorization to work. The IRC provides ongoing job readiness training and works closely with local employers and business associations to match refugees with available jobs. Within six months of arrival, the great majority of refugees are economically self-sufficient.

► **Education and Integration:** Integration into the local community is an essential part of refugee resettlement. Refugees come to the IRC classroom daily to learn English and participate in workshops on topics such as financial literacy, life skills and cultural orientation.

► **Family Support:** Licensed professionals on staff at the IRC provide parenting education, school liaison support and crisis intervention services to aid refugees' adjustment to their new home.

► **New Roots:** New Roots is a multi-faceted food and agriculture initiative that provides land access, material support and education to help families make a healthy start in their new home. As part of this program, New Roots operates an urban farm, community garden and a neighborhood farm stand.



► **Interpretation**: Trained IRC interpreters speak 20 languages. The IRC's interpreters work with over 70 community groups, enabling local agencies and health service providers to work effectively with refugees and other immigrants.

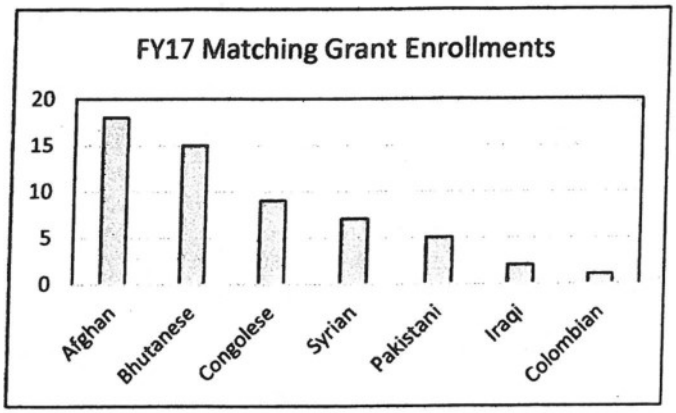
► **Immigration**: The IRC is accredited by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals. Experts in immigration help refugees and immigrants with family reunification, permanent residency, and U.S. citizenship.

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Employment Programs
IRC in Charlottesville Fast Facts

As of June 30, 2017 the IRC in Charlottesville has enrolled 57 individuals into its Matching Grant program. Thirty-two percent (32%) of the clients served are Afghan, 26% are Bhutanese, and 16% are from the Democratic Republic of Congo.



The IRC in Charlottesville works with these individuals to provide case management and employment services, including: job-readiness training, resume preparation and job search, and employment placement and follow-up services.

Of those enrolled by the Charlottesville office:

- 51% are male, 49% are female.
- 40% are minors under the age of 18.
- 44 individuals (77%) have refugee status and 13 (23%) are Special Immigrant Visa holders.

IRC in Charlottesville's Matching Grant outcomes as of June 30, 2017:

- 86% of clients are economically self-sufficient at their 120th day in the U.S.
- 79% of employable adults are placed into jobs.
- Participants earn an average wage of $10.63/hour.
- Clients enter employment after an average of 48 days from enrollment.
- Participants have been placed into employment with 19 different local employers.

As more clients complete the Matching Grant program in FY17, these outcomes are expected to continue to increase.

In addition to the Matching Grant program, the IRC in Charlottesville provides employment services through the Refugee Social Services Employment Program (RSSEP) and Skills Training for Earning Potential (STEP) programs. 98 individuals have been enrolled for services this year between these two programs.

IRC in Charlottesville's Refugee Social Services Employment outcomes as of June 30, 2017:

- 64 individual job placements.
- 92% of individuals are still employed after 90 days.
- Participants earn an average wage of $10.55/hour.
- 90% of clients employed full-time are eligible for employer-sponsored health benefits.

Additional Highlights of FY17:

- Received funding support from the Hearst Foundation to expand Career Development services available to clients
- Creation of Women's Economic Empowerment pilot program
- Creation of Young Adult Employment initiative, providing additional services to young adults who were unable to complete high school upon arrival

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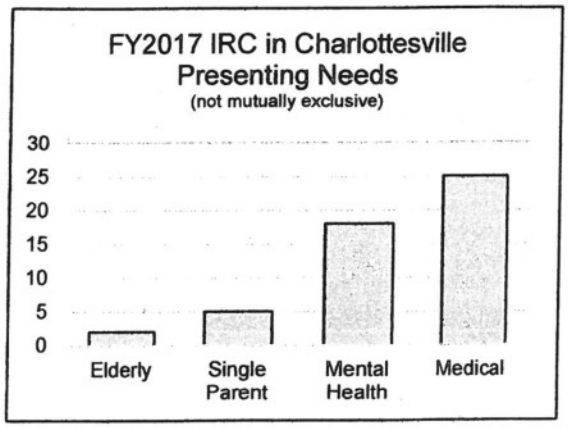
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Preferred Communities

IRC in Charlottesville Fast Facts

As of June 30, 2017 the IRC in Charlottesville has enrolled 100% of its annual enrollment target of 40 intensive needs clients. Thirty-five percent (35%) of the clients served are Syrian, 20% are Afghan, and 13% are from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The majority of enrollments presented with medical needs and mental health needs, though many clients were enrolled in services due to the existence of multiple presenting needs.



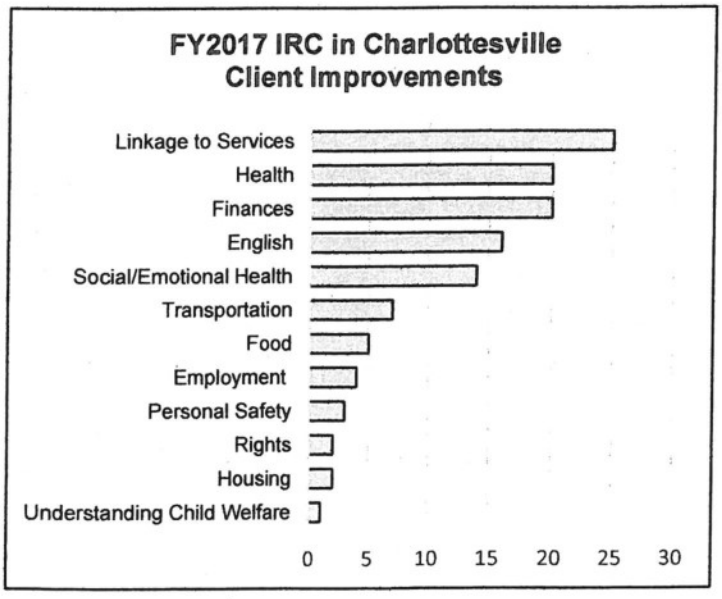
Of those enrolled by the Charlottesville office:

- 33% are minors under the age of 18.
- 48% are female.
- 88% of clients received health services through referrals made by the Preferred Communities program
- 68% of clients received specialist medical care through referrals made by the Preferred Communities program.

IRC in Charlottesville's Preferred Communities outcomes as of June 30, 2017:

- 82% of clients moved from "at risk/vulnerable" to "stable/safe".
- 32% of clients moved from "stable/safe" to "thriving".
- 18% of clients moved from "at risk/vulnerable" to "thriving".

As more clients are assessed and closed out in FY17, these already-impressive outcomes are projected to increase even further.



As can be seen in the graph to the left, the majority of FY17 clients made improvements in the areas of Linkage to Services, Health, Finances, English, and Social/Emotional Health due to services provided under PC programming.

Additional Highlights and Strengths:

- A Family Support Coordinator with over 15 years of service delivery experience and a LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor)
- Strategic community partnerships that benefit ICM clients
- A program emphasis on strengths-based, client-centered services that empowers client to use their existing strengths and abilities
- The ability to advocate effectively for clients' needs

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In partnership with the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the IRC in Charlottesville's **New Roots program** helps refugees to become self-sufficient and contribute to their community through **gardening, nutrition education** and **small-business farming**.



Nutrition Education

100% of new arrivals are offered nutrition orientation, including information about shopping for healthy, affordable food.

- cooking demonstrations
- community meals
- market tours



Gardening

IRC and partner gardens beautify the community, improve health, and provide a backdrop for making friends and learning new skills.

- 7 gardens
- 61 families
- 14 nations
- 98% report maintained/improved access to healthy food

Farming & Marketing

The IRC provides training, technical assistance, land and marketing support to refugee and immigrant families as they engage in agricultural micro-enterprise.

- Selling through restaurants, farm markets, distributors
- Earning supplemental income
- Contributing to the local economy.

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Church World Service Harrisonburg

Church World Service (CWS) Harrisonburg is one of CWS's 34 resettlement offices and has resettled more than 3,500 refugees in the northern Shenandoah Valley since 1988. Refugee arrivals to Harrisonburg have kept pace with the US Refugee Admission Program's admitted populations. In the 1980s and 1990s, former Soviet and Afghan were the primary populations; in the late 1990s, Kurdish; and in 2010s, Iraqi refugees of Arab, Chaldean and Yazidi origin as well. CWS Harrisonburg has also resettled Burmese, Central American, Colombian, Congolese, Cuban, Eritrean, Pakistani, Sudanese, and Somalian refugees. In FY 2016, CWS Harrisonburg resettled 262 refugees and 126 Cuban Haitian Entrants for a total of 388 clients served.

CWS Staff

Half of our staff are US born and half arrived as refugees or immigrants. In addition to English, staff speak Arabic, French, Kurdish, Lingala, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Ukrainian. Our robust volunteer base boasts language capacity in several more languages as well.

Community and Ecumenical Partnerships

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Programs

CWS provides services to clients under the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) Reception and Placement (R&P) Program; the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Matching Grant and Preferred Communities Programs; the Commonwealth of Virginia Office of Newcomer Service's Refugee Health Grant, Refugee Student Achievement Program Grant and the Refugee Social Services Grant; the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)'s Immigration Integration Grant, Cuban Haitian Entrant Program; and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Grant for the Photography Show.

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Communities Linking Communities Program has trained more than 92 people to engage new arrivals with friendship and cultural orientation. The High School Mentor program has trained 63 students to serve as mentors to newly arrived students.

Employment

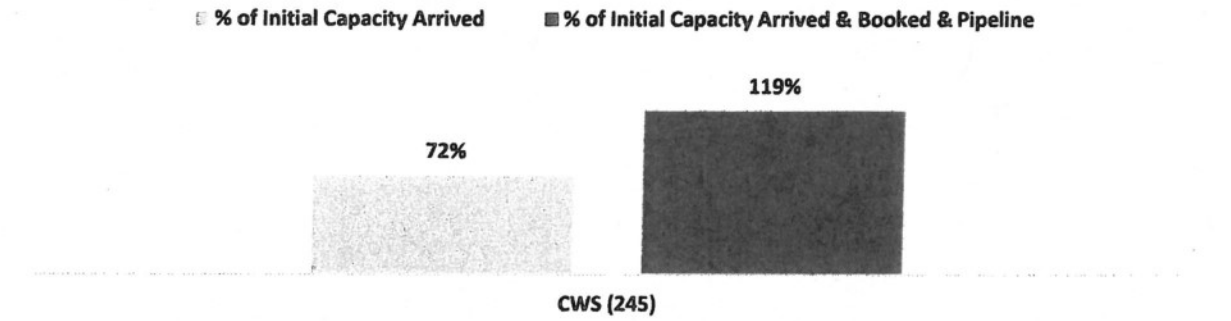
Employment opportunities for clients include five food processing operations. These jobs pay $10 - $13 per hour and offer opportunities for advancement as new arrivals increase their English capacity. Other opportunities include housekeeping, hospitality, food preparation, and work at local universities. Some clients have been placed at construction jobs which pay $16 per hour. The Matching Grant and Refugee Social Services program provides excellent support for staff to do job training and orientation with clients. In FY 2016, CWS Harrisonburg served 57 individuals who completed the Matching Grant Program all of whom were self-sufficient at the 180th day. Overall, in FY 2016, the office exceeded our employment goal by more than double, finding employment for 181 clients (208% of our goal), with an average hourly wage of $13.03 (surpassing our goal of $11.15.) Client job retention results also more than doubled our goal. We have also assisted a physician refugee to complete and pass the Medical Board exam and are assisted another six clients with professional degrees get certified in the United States.

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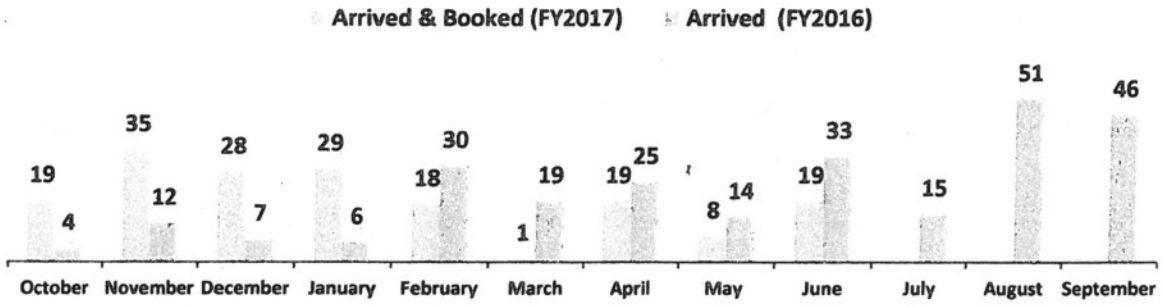
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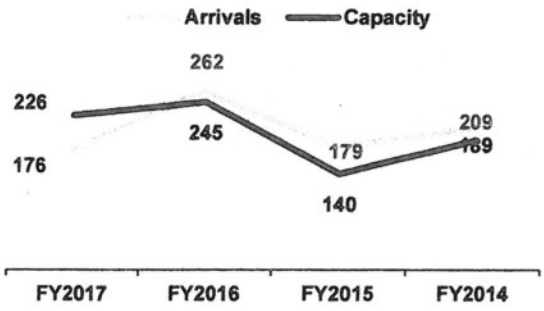
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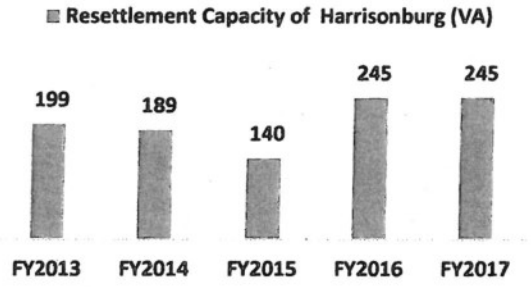
78% of its *revised* resettlement capacity has arrived or is booked to arrive



Total Initial Capacity (FY2017)	Africa	East Asia	Europe	Latin Am. / Caribbean	Near East / SE Asia	Totals
UST Capacity	25	3	5	45	155	233
No UST Capacity	7	0	0	0	5	12
Totals	32	3	5	45	160	245
Arrived + Booked	**51**	**0**	**21**	**9**	**95**	**176**



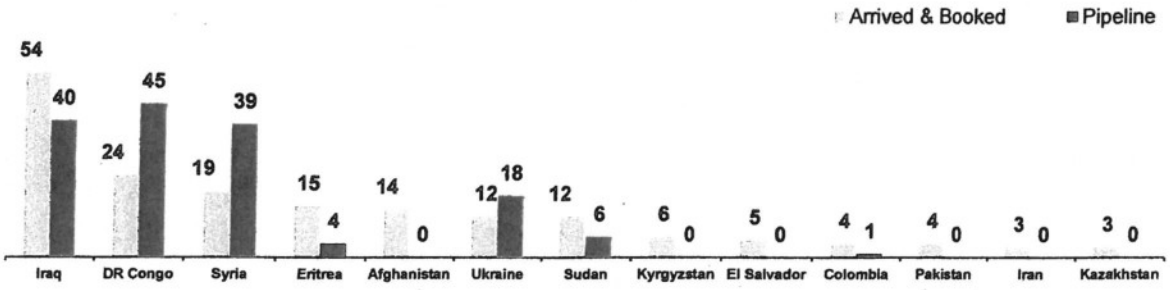




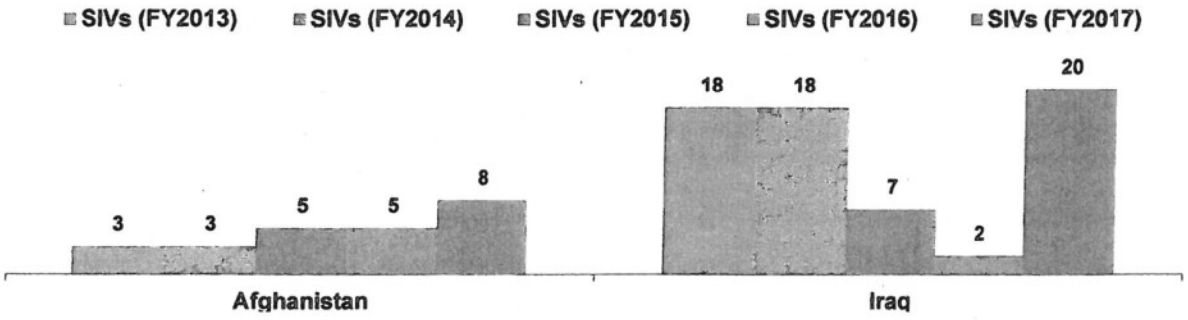
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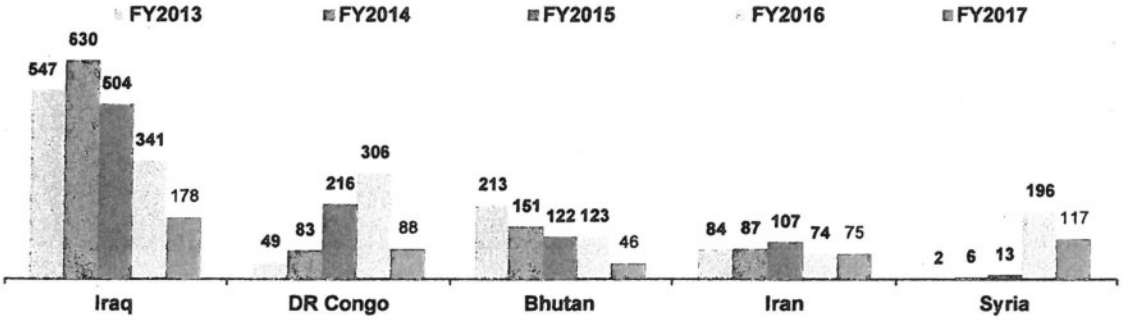
176 individuals have arrived or are booked for travel and 153 are in the pipeline



89 SIVs have been resettled by CWS in Harrisonburg (VA) over the past 5 years



The top 5 nationalities of refugees resettled in Virginia over the past 5 years



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Refugees whose Income exceeds Expenses at the 90th day of R&P Services

Average rate for CWS in **FY2015**: **98.38%**, **FY2016**: **91.13%** and **FY2017**: **86.33%**

FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
100%	93.59%	97.92%

Matching Grant (MG) clients who are self-sufficient at the 180th day

Average rate for CWS in **FY2015**: **86.00%**, **FY2016**: **86.44%**, and **FY2017**: **87.40%**

FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
82.14%	100%	96.00%

Clients who have Out Migrated

Average outmigration rates for CWS in **FY2015**: **4.74%**, **FY2016**: **3.55%**, and **FY2017**: **2.00%**

FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
0.56%	8.78%	0%

Family Reunification Applications

Since **FY2012**, CWS affiliates have filed more than **1,800+** family reunification applications

Harrisonburg (VA)	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total Applications
AORs	0	1	4	4	2	0	**11**
CAM-AORs	0	0	0	38	7	6	**51**
Lautenbergs	8	0	4	14	0	0	**26**
RIFs	0	0	1	0	7	0	**8**
Total	**8**	**1**	**9**	**56**	**16**	**6**	**96**

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REFUGEES FINDING HOPE & PEACE IN VIRGINIA

A HISTORY OF SERVICE

In 1946, in the aftermath of World War II, churches in the United States came together to respond to the needs of refugees left homeless by the war in Europe. They formed an ecumenical organization called Church World Service.

CWS' faith-based commitment to "welcoming the stranger" has endured over the decades as thousands of churches have embraced the challenge to assist and befriend refugees, and to welcome new immigrants to the United States.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WELCOME

Start a welcome team for refugees arriving to Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

LEARN

Invite CWS staff to hold an educational session about our refugees neighbors in Virginia.

RAISE SUPPORT

Collect needed items and make supply baskets for refugees in need.

WHO IS A REFUGEE?

A Refugee is **a person who is outside his or her country of nationality and is unable to return due to a well-founded fear of persecution because of his or her...**



Race



Religion



Nationality



Political Opinion



Membership in a Social Group



CALL CWS TO GET INVOLVED IN HELPING A REFUGEE FAMILY TODAY

540-217-4588 or email our Director at jhershberger@cwsglobal.org

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BE AN ADVOCATE

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THE STRANGER

There are over 22 million refugees in the world today – more than at any point since World War II.

Help us make a difference for a family today.

CHECK US OUT

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A FUTURE OF HOPE

Refugees flee their homes and countries amidst violence and persecution. They are looking for a safe place to begin life anew.

CWS aims to provide the most vulnerable refugees with an opportunity to begin a new life in the United States. Those refugees who are still at risk in a camp, some having spent decades in extremely harsh conditions, are given an opportunity start again.

WRITE TO US

If you would like to get involved with helping refugees in your community or overseas, CWS is here to help. To help in Virginia please write to our Office Director, Jim Hershberger at **jhershberger@cwsglobal.org**. For other inquiries you can write to us at **immigration@cwsglobal.org**.

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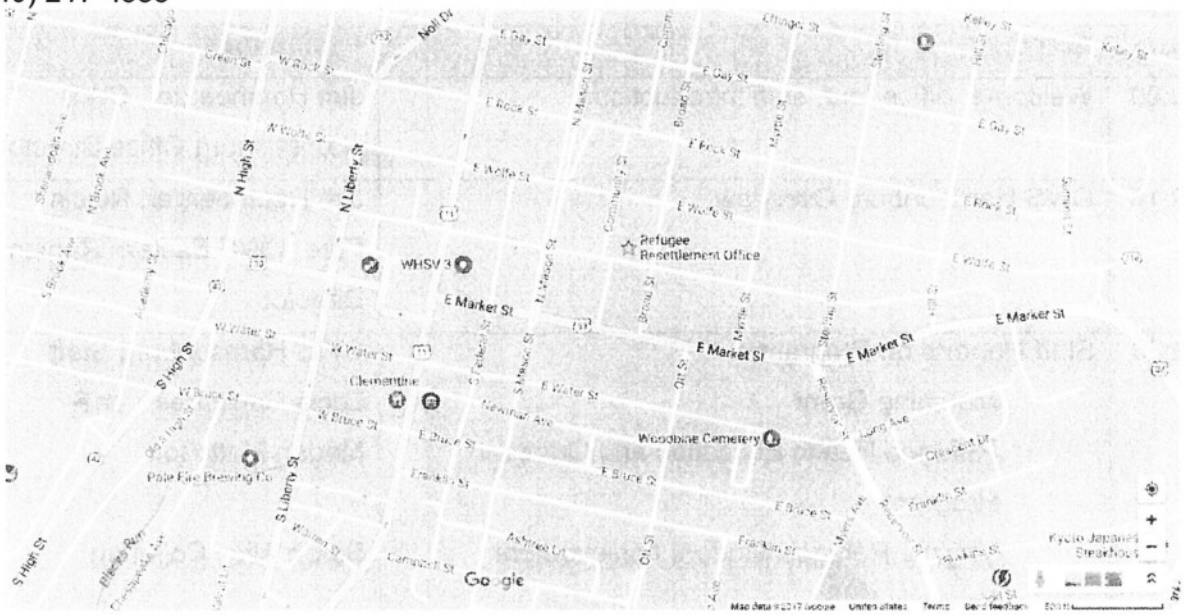
ORR Director Scott Lloyd Visit to CWS Harrisonburg (VA)
July 21, 2017

Time	Activity	Facilitators
09:00	Welcome, office tour, staff introductions	Jim Hershberger, CWS Harrisonburg Office Director
09:15	CWS Harrisonburg Overview	Jim Hershberger; Roisin Ford, CWS Eastern Region Director
09:20	Staff Reports on Programs: Matching Grant Refugee Health Education and Outreach Program Virginia Refugee Student Achievement Program Preferred Communities	CWS Harrisonburg Staff Lucia Canizares mg Megan Matteson Sarah Alice Coleman Rebecca Sprague
09:45	Discussion with Refugee Clients (b)(6)	CWS Harrisonburg staff Megan Matteson Rebecca Sprague Lucia Canizares Rebecca Sprague
10:15	Discussion with Community Stakeholders TJX Marshals: Ana Gorta HR staff Cargill Inc: Melinda Wills HR staff Purdue: Ana Nethkin HR staff Christophel Properties: Abby Christophel Wanda Revercomb: Rockingham Harrisonburg Health Department Public Health Nurse Laura Feichtinger McGrath: Harrisonburg City Schools ESL Coordinator	Jim Hershberger & staff
10:45	Wrap-Up and Departure	

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CWS Harrisonburg Address:
250 East Elizabeth Street, Suite 215
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802
(540) 217-4588



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April 4 - April 6, 2017

Tuesday, April 4

Flight: United Flight 1954, Leaving DCA @ 5:41pm, Arriving IAH @ 8:26pm
United Flight 4317 Leaving IAH @ 9:20pm, Arriving HRL @ 10:33pm
Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, 1725 W Filmore Ave. Harlingen, TX, 78550 (956) 412-7800

Wednesday, April 5

Harlingen Site Visits

9:30–11:00am **BCFS Harlingen**
Address: (b)(4) Harlingen, TX (b)(4)
Directions/Parking: located on Program site, adjacent to Program Administration Building
Details: Binder tab 3

11:00am Travel

San Benito Site Visits

11:30–12:30pm **SWK Casa Antigua Program**
Address: (b)(4) San Benito, TX (b)(4)
Directions/Parking: Parking is limited and is located immediately adjacent to the site, or behind the site
Details: Binder tab 4

12:30pm Travel

12:45–1:45 pm **Lunch with ORR FFS staff** (San Benito)
Longhorn Cattle Company
3055 E. Expressway 83, San Benito, TX 78585

1:45pm Travel

2:00–3:00pm **IES Casa Norma Linda**
Address: (b)(4) San Benito, TX (b)(4)
Directions/Parking: Parking is located inside the security gate, adjacent to the Program
Details: Binder tab 5

3:00–3:30pm Travel

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Brownsville Site Visits

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	**SWK Casa Padre** Address: (b)(6) Brownsville, TX Directions/Parking: Parking is located adjacent to the building Details: Binder tab 6

Thursday, April 6

McAllen Site Visits

9:00am	Travel
10:00-11:00am	**DHS CBP USBP McAllen Station (Tour/meet and greet)** Address: 3000 W Military Hwy, McAllen, TX 78503 Directions/Parking: Parking is located inside the gate, and adjacent to the building POC: (b)(6) - CBP USBP Juvenile Coordinator for RGV Sector Details: Binder tab 7
11:00am	Travel
11:15-12:00pm	**DHS CBP USBP Central Processing Center/Ursula** Address: 3700 W. Ursula Ave., McAllen, Texas 78503 Details: Binder tab 7

Flight: United 4086, leaving HRL @ 4:14pm, Arriving IAH @ 5:29pm
United 1955, leaving IAH @ 7:10pm, Arriving DCA @ 11:05pm

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Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)

Subject: FW: Ticketed itinerary for EDWARD SCOTT LLOYD on 4/4/17 to Harlingen TX United States Of America (RBXCD4)

From: Omega World Travel [mailto:megaassureai@omegaworldtravel.com]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); OPS.ACF@OWT.NET; Crowder-Hamilton, Darlene (ACF) (CTR)
Subject: Ticketed itinerary for EDWARD SCOTT LLOYD on 4/4/17 to Harlingen TX United States Of America ((b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Monday, 3APR 2017 10:00 AM EDT

Passengers: EDWARD SCOTT LLOYD (TANUM0AI1L)

Agency Record Locator: (b)(6)

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>>FAA Airport Info
>>Federal Travel Online

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Omega World Travel must be notified within 24 hours regarding corrections. Thank you.

AIR	**Tuesday, 4APR 2017**		
	United Airlines	**Flight Number**: 1954	Class: Y-Coach/Economy
	From: (DCA) Washington Reagan Natl DC, USA	**Depart**: 05:41 PM	
	To: (IAH) George Bush Intercontinental Houston, TX	**Arrive**: 08:26 PM	
	Stops: Nonstop	Duration: 3 hour(s) 45 minute(s)	
	Seats: 26E	Status: CONFIRMED	Miles: 1203 / 1925 KM
	Equipment: Boeing 737-700 Jet	MEAL: FOOD TO PURCHASE	
	DEPARTS DCA TERMINAL B - ARRIVES IAH TERMINAL C		
	PREFERRED SEAT NOT AVAILABLE. CHECKS CONTINUE UNTIL DEPARTURE DATE NO FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED **United Airlines Confirmation number is L6S0YN** Check in on-line to obtain boarding pass: United Click here for Baggage policies and fees: United		
AIR	**Tuesday, 4APR 2017**		
	United Airlines Operated By: EXPRESSJET AIRLINES DBA	**Flight Number**: 4317	Class: U-Coach/Economy

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UNITED EXP

From: (IAH) George Bush Intercontinental Houston, TX
Depart: 09:20 PM

To: (HRL) Harlingen TX, USA
Arrive: 10:33 PM

Stops: Nonstop
Duration: 1 hour(s) 13 minute(s)

Seats: 23C
Status: CONFIRMED
Miles: 292 / 467 KM

Equipment: Embraer Jet

DEPARTS IAH TERMINAL B

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HOTEL **Tuesday, 4APR 2017**

Courtyard Harlingen Marriott (COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT)
1725 W Filmore AVE Harlingen TX 78550 US

Number of Rooms: 1
Confirmation Number (b)(6)

Phone: 1 956-4127800
Fax: 1 956-4127889

Rate: USD 101.00
Room GUARANTEED TO VISA

Check Out: Thursday, 6APR 2017
Reserved For: LLOYD EDWARD SCOTT

Hotel membership: (b)(6)

CY73432ARR04APR CXL:PERMITTED UP TO 01 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL

Guaranteed to: (b)(6)

Approximate total: 228.26USD

Credit card required at check-in

AIR **Thursday, 6APR 2017**

United Airlines
Operated By: EXPRESSJET AIRLINES DBA UNITED EXP
Flight Number: 4086
Class: U-Coach/Economy

From: (HRL) Harlingen TX, USA
Depart: 04:14 PM

To: (IAH) George Bush Intercontinental Houston, TX
Arrive: 05:29 PM

Stops: Nonstop
Duration: 1 hour(s) 15 minute(s)

Seats: 20C
Status: CONFIRMED
Miles: 292 / 467 KM

Equipment: Embraer Jet

ARRIVES IAH TERMINAL B

United Airlines Confirmation number is (b)(6)

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AIR **Thursday, 6APR 2017**

United Airlines
Flight Number: 1955
Class: S-Coach/Economy

From: (IAH) George Bush Intercontinental Houston, TX
Depart: 07:10 PM

To: (DCA) Washington Reagan Natl DC, USA
Arrive: 11:05 PM

Stops: Nonstop
Duration: 2 hour(s) 55 minute(s)

Seats: 29B
Status: CONFIRMED
Miles: 1203 / 1925 KM

Equipment: Airbus Jet
MEAL: FOOD TO PURCHASE

DEPARTS IAH TERMINAL C - ARRIVES DCA TERMINAL B

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TOUR	Friday, 4AUG 2017	

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Ticket/Invoice Information:

Ticket for: EDWARDSCOTT LLOYD
Date issued: 03/30/2017 Invoice nbr: 159024
Ticket Nbr: 0167917734376 Electronic: Yes Amount: 1247.60 USD
Base: 1118.13 USD US Tax: 83.87 USD XT Tax: 45.60 USD
Charged to: (b)(6)

Service Fee: EDWARDS LLOYD
Date issued: 03/30/2017
Document Nbr: (b)(4) Amount: 8.26 USD

Total Tickets: 1247.60
Total Fees: 8.26
Total Amount: 1255.86

Changes to airline reservations may result in an increase in fare and/or carrier penalties

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Trip Name: Site Visit for UC Program in Texas
Start Date: April 04, 2017
End Date: April 06, 2017
Created: March 29, 2017, Marquittia Coleman *(Modified: March 30, 2017)*
Description: Site Visit for UC Program in Texas
Agency Record Locator: (b)(4)
Ticket Number(s): (b)(6)
Passengers: Edward Scott Lloyd
Total Estimated Cost: $1,475.86 USD
Agency Name: Omega - HHS

RESERVATIONS

Tuesday, April 04, 2017

Flight **Washington, DC** (DCA) to **Houston, TX** (IAH)

United 1954

Departure: 05:41 PM
Seat: No seat assignment

Ronald Reagan National Arpt (DCA)
Terminal: B

Duration: 3 hours, 45 minutes
Nonstop

Arrival: 08:26 PM
George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)
Terminal: C

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: **Confirmed**

Additional Details

Aircraft: Boeing 737-700
E-Ticket
Emissions: 470.0 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (Y)

Distance: 1205 miles

Meal: Food for purchase

Remarks

PREFERRED SEAT NOT AVAILABLE. CHECKS CONTINUE UNTIL DEPARTURE DATE
NO FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED

54 min layover at George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)

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Flight **Houston, TX** (IAH) to **Harlingen, TX** (HRL)

United 4317
Operated by: EXPRESSJET AIRLINES DBA UNITED EXPRESS

Departure: 09:20 PM
Seat: 23C (Confirmed)

George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)
Terminal: B

Duration: 1 hour, 13 minutes
Nonstop

Arrival: 10:33 PM
Rio Grande Valley Intl Arpt (HRL)

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: **Confirmed**

Additional Details

Aircraft: Embraer RJ135
E-Ticket
Emissions: 156.4 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (U)

Distance: 295 miles

Courtyard by Marriott Harlingen
1725 W Filmore Ave
Harlingen, Texas, 78550
US
956-412-7800

Checking In: Tue Apr 4
15:00
Room 1, Days 2, Guests 1

Checking Out: Thu Apr 6
12:00

Confirmation (b)(6)
Status: **Confirmed**
Frequent Guest Number: (b)(6)

Additional Information

Daily Rate: $101.00 USD

Total Rate: $228.26 USD

Room Details

Room Description: RoomDescriptionCodeGOVC00

Cancellation Policy

114.13 Usd Cxl Fee Per Room Cancellation Permitted Up To 1Days Before Arrival

Remarks

CY73432ARR04APR CXL:PERMITTED UP TO 01 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL

Thursday, April 06, 2017

Flight **Harlingen, TX** (HRL) to **Houston, TX** (IAH)

United 4086

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Operated by: EXPRESSJET AIRLINES DBA UNITED EXPRESS

Departure: 04:14 PM
Seat: 20C (Confirmed)

Rio Grande Valley Intl Arpt (HRL)
Duration: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Nonstop

Arrival: 05:29 PM
George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)
Terminal: B

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: **Confirmed**

Additional Details

Aircraft: Embraer RJ135
E-Ticket
Emissions: 156.4 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (U)

Distance: 295 miles

1 hr, 41 min layover at George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)

Flight **Houston, TX** (IAH) to **Washington, DC** (DCA)

United 1955

Departure: 07:10 PM
Seat: 29B (Confirmed)

George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)
Terminal: C

Duration: 2 hours, 55 minutes
Nonstop

Arrival: 11:05 PM
Ronald Reagan National Arpt (DCA)
Terminal: B

Confirmation: (b)(6)
Status: **Confirmed**

Additional Details

Aircraft: Airbus A319
E-Ticket
Emissions: 470.0 lbs CO_2
Cabin: Economy (S)

Distance: 1205 miles

Meal: Food for purchase

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST

Air	View Fare Rules
Ticket Number: 0167917734376:	**$1,118.13** USD
Taxes and fees:	**$129.47** USD
Air Total Price:	**$1,247.60** USD
Hotel:	**$228.26** USD
Total Estimated Cost:	**$1,475.86** USD

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BCFS-HHS HARLINGEN

Location: Harlingen, TX
Type of Facility: Emergency Shelter
Grant No: # 90ZU0224-01
Project Period: February 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017
Capacity: 290
FY 17 Funding: $29,495,193
Census: 85 as of 03/29/2017

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Primary Point of Contact

Sonya Thompson, Executive Director
(210) 262-9127
sthompson@bcfs.net

Andrew Carter, Regional Director
(956) 367-1585
Andrew.Carter@BCFS.net

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Primary Points of Contact, ORR/Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services

Kristopher Cantu, Federal Field Specialist, Phone Number: (202) 604-5961
Teresa Brooks, Federal Field Specialist Supervisor, Phone Number: (202) 631-3775
Alexis Cohen, Project Officer, Phone Number: (202) 401-6499

Shelter Location:

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Harlingen, Texas (b)(6

Overview

BCFS Health & Human Services (HHS) Harlingen Campus is a licensed childcare program. BCFS HHS Harlingen Campus is licensed through the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) as a Basic Child Care Facility for male youth between the ages of 5 to 17. The program is located in Harlingen, Texas and is situated on a 94 acre campus and provides youth care that meets their physical and emotional needs in the least restrictive environment as a basic child care operation. Currently, BCFS HHS provides shelter to 331 male youth ages 13-17 within three dormitories and four homes. The first dormitory is the Brand Dormitory, which can accommodate up to 112 youth. The second dormitory is the Hennessee Dormitory, which can accommodate up to 100 youth. The third dormitory is the North Dormitory, which can accommodate up to 94 youths. The fourth setting consists of four homes that can accommodate 25 additional youth and are typically used for sibling groups, younger children and children that may program better in a smaller setting. All residential areas are located on the same premises and can accommodate 331 youth.

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A basic childcare program (licensed in the State of Texas) may not accept placement of a child that is considered medically fragile without a variance. BCFS HHS has taken, and will continue to take, children with special medical needs. The BCFS HHS Medical team is able to provide exceptional care to children with special medical needs and as such will consider each and every child.
A basic childcare program (licensed in the State of Texas) cannot take a child diagnosed with mental retardation or with autism without a variance. BCFS HHS has taken, and will continue to take, children with developmental disabilities.
Tender Age: Youth may be accepted if placement cannot be accommodated elsewhere.

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Date: May 31, 2016

Program: (b)(7)(A);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D)

Issue: OIG Investigation into the following allegations

(b)(7)(A);(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D)

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Office of Refugee Resettlement
Division of Unaccompanied Children Operations (DUCO)

Facility Name: Casa Antigua

Facility Type: General Residential Operations

Physical Location of Shelter and Mailing Address:
(b)(6)
San Benito TX (b)(6)

Primary Point of Contact:
Nidia Gonzlaes, Program Director

Phone Contact:
956-247-7501

Email Address:
NGonzales@swkey.org

Primary Points of Contact, ORR/DCS/Unaccompanied Children Program
Project Officer: Tanzeena Shireena
FFS: Servando Barrera
FFS Supervisor: Teresa Brooks

FY2017 Funding: $13,977,890

Grant Number: 90ZU0148

Population Served:
Age: 10-17
Capacity: 201
Type of beds: Males and Females
Census as of 3/30/2017: 95

Program Overview:
History- Program started in April 2013 and received first youth on May 11, 2013. Since then program has had two additional phases added to the facility to increase number of beds to 201. Without variance they house 109 girls and 92 boys.

Facility Structure- The program has two sections. One is a one story building and the other is a two story building. They have 37 rooms on the first floor in the one story building, and in the two story building they have a total of 24 rooms. The program has 9 class rooms, 3 day rooms, a large kitchen area and a large area for youth to have recreational activities (play soccer, volleyball, kickball and other sports).

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Strengths- They have a team of dedicated workers that are always looking out for the best interest of the youth..

Challenges- The program deals with some challenging behavior with youth but as long as they work as a team, have proper training, build rapport with youth , they can overcome the challenge and provide the needs to all youth.

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REFERENCE: SWK Casa Antigua

MONITORING TRIP: July 25-July 29, 2016 - FINDINGS

FROM: ORR Project Officer / Monitor

Summary: (b)(5)

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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IES-Casa Norma Linder Shelter

Location:	San Benito, TX
Type of Facility:	Shelter Program
Grant No:	90ZU0119
Project Period:	October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016
Capacity:	100 (Male & Females)
FY 16 Funding:	$ 5,552,163
Census:	

~ 24 beds licensed for 200 space for 300 staffed for what they are licensed for

Primary Points of Contact
Program Director: Marivel Herrera, Phone: Office (956) 626-1820 x(b)(6), (b)(6)
Email: marivel.herrera@iestex.org
Assistant Program Director: Belinda Delgado, Phone: Office (956) 626-1820 x(b)(6), (b)(6)
(b)(6), Email: belinda.delgado@iestex.org

Primary Points of Contact, ORR/Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services
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FFS: Servando Barrera, Servando.Barrera@acf.hhs.gov
CFS: Jaime Garcia, jaime.garcia@acf.hhs.gov

Shelter Location
(b)(6)
San Benito, Texas (b)(6)
Main Number: 956-626-1820
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 112 Lox Fresnos, TX 78566

Overview
International Educational Services, Inc. (IES) Casa Norma Linda Shelter provides 100 shelter beds for Unaccompanied Children, and has done so successfully since August 2016. IES is a nonprofit organization founded in 1984 who currently runs 5 TFC programs and 4 shelter programs, all serving the UC population. All IES programs are monitored and licensed by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services- State Licensing, which conducts announced and unannounced monitoring inspections on a regular basis.

IES Casa Norma Linda Shelter focuses on caring for tender age minors 8-12 year of age and standard age minors ages 13-17. All children placed in IES's care are screened and assessed. This young and vulnerable population is provided with basic care services from the time of placement to the time of discharge. Minors receive on-site schooling, group and individual counseling, medical and mental health services, psychiatric care, recreation, and safe and expeditious family reunification. All program staff is fully trained to meet the needs of the children on a day to day basis.

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Office of Refugee Resettlement
Division of Children's Services
Unaccompanied Alien Children's Program

Facility Name: Southwest Key Programs- Casa Padre

Facility Type: Shelter Care

Physical Location of Shelter and Mailing Address:
(b)(6) Brownsville, Texas (b)(6)

Primary Point of Contact: Olga Garcia, Executive Program Director
Phone Contact: (b)(6)
Email Address: ogarcia@swkey.org

Primary Points of Contact, ORR/DCS/Unaccompanied Children Program
Project Officer: Mark Boss, Mark.Boss@ACF.hhs.gov;
FFS: Bellevue, Elsie, Elsie.Bellevue@acf.hhs.gov
FFS Supervisor: Brooks, Teresa, Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov

FY2016 (Oct 2016 to Sept 2017) Funding: $57,226,430.00

Grant Number: 90ZU0148-03-03

Population Served:
Age: 10-17
Capacity: 286 (Quadrant 1)
Males and Females
Census as of 3/29/2017: 0

Program Overview:
On March 28, 2017 SWK Casa Padre "Quadrant 1" became a Licensed Residential Program by the Texas Department of Family Protective Services with a capacity of 286 children between the ages of 10 to 17, males and females. Casa Padre Facility was formerly a Walmart, located close to the port of Brownsville.

The program offers a highly structured program of services which includes education, recreation, social skills training, behavior management, life skills, and whenever possible family involvement. Programming is goal-directed which allows youth to function safely at optimal performance levels. Through a well-rounded program, all youth are ensured a safe environment which facilitates developmental progress.

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(b)(6) Ave., McAllen, TX (b)(6)

11:05 am — Arrive at RGV Centralized Processing Center
Led by: Acting Patrol Agent in Charge (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) or his designee

- Briefing/Walking Tour
- Questions and Answers

Noon — End of Tour

NOTE TO VISITORS

- **Only those who RSVP'd to the RGV Communications Division will be permitted into the RGV facilities visited during this tour.**
- **No recording devices of any kind will be allowed.**
- **No interacting with staff and children or families at the Border Patrol Stations visited on this tour without prior approval from RGV headquarters. No picture taking or interviewing of children is permitted.**

RGV Sector Points of Contact

SOS (b)(6)
(A)SBPA (b)(6)
BPA (b)(6)

Mobile (956) (b)(6)
Mobile (619)
Mobile (406)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C ST, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

September 20, 2018

Ms. Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the second interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.

2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.

3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:

a. @sba-list.org
b. @cwfa.org
c. @heritage.org
d. @c-fam.org
e. @nrlc.org
f. @adflegal.org
g. @legalworks.com
h. @kofc.org

4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged

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between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

This partial release consists of 500 pages that have been reviewed and are responsive to items one and three above. Of this number, 340 pages are being provided to you at this time. Portions of these pages have been redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). Approximately 160 pages processed by ACF will be sent for consultation with other federal entities.

The exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes predecisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff and contractors about management of ORR programs and/or individual children and sensitive communications between agency staff seeking legal advice and counsel on policy and other matters.

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Sincerely yours,

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Subject:	RE: Medical Recommendations for UC tom -
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Received. I will consult with the medical team.

From: Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS)
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 10:28 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF); Tota, Kenneth (ACF); Lloyd, Scott E. (ACF); Barlow, Amanda (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Medical Recommendations for UC tom -

Jonathan,

I have heard that the administration of progesterone - which Mifeprix blocks - can counteract the drug if administered before Cytotec is taken. Is there any serious side effect from that treatment?

Maggie

On: 03 March 2017 21:41, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

I have been in coordination tonight with the two ORR DHUC medical officers who have been consulting with the OB-GYN and Southwest Key medical team, to determine options and next steps for the UC who was today initiated on the pill procedure. They have consulted with the medical team working on the patient's case and reviewed the medical records, which we had Southwest Key provide us. Our medical team was disconcerted to learn of this as they had provided medical recommendations against the pill procedure method in earlier communications with the grantee. When we learned tonight of the

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currently unfolding procedure, I instructed our medical team to learn what they could and provide options, including a review of the option to not administer the second scheduled drug tomorrow.

Here is what we have learned: the UC took Mifeprex 200mg Tablet – around 12pm today (this disrupts fetus from uterine lining); once Mifeprex is taken, you have to take Cytotec (which expels pregnancy contents); Minor will take Cytotec as early as 24hr after taking Mifeprex, no later than 48hrs as per FDA for termination of pregnancy.

The Medical Team has reviewed the safety plan for this child and next steps and their recommendation is (b)(5)

(b)(5)

The DHUC team is standing by to provide guidance to the program based on their recommendations about next steps.

In the very unfortunate situation in which we find ourselves, it is my recommendation that (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Jonathan

From: Meyerstein, Shaanan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:59 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Subject: Medical Recommendations for UC tom -

Jonathan,
As expected, the documents provided by the shelter are not helpful.
After a lengthy discussion with Michael, since the termination has bene initiated and in essence has already been accomplished with the first pill, in the best interests of the child, it would be unwise to withhold giving the dose of Cytotec in the next 24-48hrs. We have been reassured by the OB-GYN that this method, the pill method, is acceptable versus a DNC with good outcomes and minimal complications. The minor and shelter staff (there will be a nurse available ATC) have been provided with the appropriate information as to how to properly administer the medication. The program should adhere to the specific recommendations and clinical management guidelines for any anticipated complications as described in detail both in person in the clinic today and in the handouts/discharge instructions. They are notify the clinic for any complications and if instructed to go to nearest Emergency Room.

The only remaining thing to do is notify the program staff of our medical guidance. I just wanted to make sure you are on board.
Will you notify the shelter or would you like me to do so?

Shaanan

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Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:27 PM
To: Meyerstein, Shaanan (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Subject: RE: Timeline and Summary for TOP

Thank you. I appreciate all your help.

I think what will be most helpful is to know what the plan will be for the UC tomorrow.

It's fine to update me by email later.

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Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:05 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Subject: Timeline and Summary for TOP

Jonathan,
Please find attached timeline of events of the past week for (b)(6) SWK Casa Blanca as I see them and what I have in my email. I am going to eat dinner for a few minutes with (b)(6)
I have my phone on me to discuss further if you need any further clarification or need to have a conference call.

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On it sir.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:51:16 PM
To: Gonzalez, Jose (ACF)
Subject: Quick thoughts

Jose,

Just a few things, while they are fresh in my mind:

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That's all I can think of right now. Thanks again for everything, and for the hard work and dedication of you and your team.

Scott

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Sir all requests have been sent to local FFS and providers. i don't foresee any issues with these requests, but I do have a question and a comment about these bullets.

- (b)(6) I got her pre-release plan with a list of resources to assist with pregnancy. I asked them to firm up plan a bit and will send for your review if you would like to see it. I have also attached the resources close to her house that will assist with her post release services and are close to her future address of, (b)(6) Again this is still tentative and any additional resources you have are welcome sir.

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    - Potential foster care is identified by approved providers after referral for this level of care by program and approved by FFS. these houses are homes that have been awarded a grant to house UAC by ACF-ORR. they have to be licensed to accept our kiddos.

Thank you again for your trip, I learned from you and I hope you take your experience here in San Antonio and we have set the bar high. I always push my teams to be the best and our providers to provide best services in the nation, so what you saw is SOP on a daily basis.

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Safe travels sir, and it was pleasure to have met you. I look forward to working for you at ORR! please feel free to reach out to me if you should have any questions concerning any UC in the Central Texas or Chicago AOR.

PS: I have included my immediate Supervisor Mr. James De La Cruz on email as he is that al knowing all seeing UAC Oracle… LOL. He can also assist with any questions when it comes to our kiddos and level of care to you in DC. He is an amazing man that has steered this ship overseeing more than 175,000 kiddos in the last five years…

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Scott,

Per your question today, I am writing to provide some additional information on procedures that ORR staff were following from the last Administration.

It appears that there was an Ops Guide for Family Planning procedure as part of a larger family planning services policy and procedure package, which was iteratively passed back and forth between appointed officials--the Acting Assistant Secretary, the Deputy Director for the UC Program, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, and staff at IOS. While never formalized, this policy and procedure was what staff appear to have understood to be the direction.

I am attaching the zip file of documents left behind by Bobbie Gregg, which should provide some background on this process.

Jonathan

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Directors,

By 3/27, would you please identify an individual in your division who will be responsible for collecting the items requested in the RFP (attached)?

- *Office of the Director* – **?**
- *DPP* – **Victor Suh**
- *DUCO* – **?**
- *DHUC* – **?**

These individuals (b)(5)

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Please instruct the individuals you identify to send me their responses as they are available, on a rolling basis. The deadline for all responses is COB April 7. They can also reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Victor Suh
Policy Analyst, ORR

From: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 6:10 PM
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Cc: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Schmalz, Jennifer (ACF); Theiler, Patricia (ACF)
Subject: RE: ACLU v. Price

Hi all,

As communicated earlier today, tomorrow's meeting about these Requests for Admissions has been cancelled.

Attached for your awareness are the responses prepared by OGC, as confirmed internally by ORR staff. We plan to discuss these answers with OGC tomorrow.

FYI. In addition to this Request for Admissions, ORR must also submit the following:

- Response to Plaintiff's Interrogatories (requested by Wednesday); and
- Request for Production (with a due date in April)

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We may request an extension w/r/t the Interrogatories.

Thanks,

Victor Suh
Policy Analyst, ORR

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 8:29 AM
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For Jonathan: They need a signatory for the ORR discovery. It is most appropriate for it to be someone from the UC programs. I don't know if this is you or Jallyn or? – please let me know what you think.

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
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Cc: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR); Theiler, Patricia (ACF)
Subject: FW: ACLU v. Price

OGC has asked us to review the attached statements by the plaintiffs in the ACLU case. When responding, we normally state (b)(5) Policy Division has gone through the statements and we cannot answer on behalf of the office. **We need information from many of you on this email list.**

We're specifically looking at #s 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 for the time period January 1, 2012 to present.

We would like to set up a brief meeting to discuss the statements after you've had a chance to review them. Please let us know if you believe you have information on these statements or if you know someone who does who is not on this email list (please forward).

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Victor is our POC on this, and he will set up a meeting time/place/call-in. If you can't make the meeting or can provide assistance in writing, he will follow-up with you individually (Just let him know). We plan to set the meeting for early next week. Please check out the statements in the meantime and let us know if you have questions. Thanks!
AnnaMarie

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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

In UC litigation, in *OGLS* (habeas litigation), the plaintiff filed a motion to expedite the proceedings. The court had set a deadline of 5/15 for the government to show cause why writ of habeas should not issue.

In refugee litigation, in *Alabama*, oral arguments were calendared to the week of 5/15/17; and in *Tennessee*, there was an order reassigning the case to a new judge, Chief Judge S. Thomas Anderson.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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OD Staff,

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ORR has received a Request for Production (RFP) for an active lawsuit, *ALCU v. Price*. We will likely have a **short window to produce documents**, therefore you must begin search and production of documents as soon as you are able.

Attached are instructions for the search and templates for Production Indexes. **Please ensure that you have carefully read and understand the attached instructions (the word document) prior to conducting your searches.**

I will be checking the shared drive continually for new documents and providing them to DPP (who will send to OGC) in batches on a rolling basis. If you do not find any relevant documents, please email me a statement saying that you have conducted all searches per the attached instructions and the searches produced no results.

Note that ITIO will perform a search of your ACF email accounts. You will be responsible for searches your electronic files, paper documents, any personal email accounts or laptops used for work-related purposes, and any other sources (see II. What to Search in attached instructions).

Supervisors – If anyone in your team is out of the office and will be returning later than Wednesday, April 5, please let me know the name and when he/she is expected back in the office.

FAQs for Document Searches

Question: Do I upload everything I found based on my keyword searches?
Answer: No. You only need to upload documents that are found in your keyword search AND are relevant to the items listed under "What you are searching for" for each search (see pages 3-6 of the instructions document).

Question: Do I need to search for documents on the shared drive?
Answer: It depends. If you have a folder on the shared drive (S Drive) that you created and it is not used by anyone else – just you, then you will need to search that folder. [SUPERVISORS – For shared drive folders that are used collectively by your team, you will be responsible for searching those folders. You may conduct the search yourself or delegate it to a member of your team.] Drive that everyone will need to search on their work laptop are your personal drive (U Drive), your local drive (C Drive), and you Desktop.

Question: What is the best way to search for the keywords?
Answer: When using Windows Explorer to search for keywords, make sure that Windows Explorer is search both the content of the documents as well as the title. This will make your search a lot easier. Here is a link with instruction on how to make sure Windows Explorer is search both content and titles. http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Windows-7-Search-File-Contents

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I know this will involve a lot of work for all of us, so thank you in advance for your prompt completion of this task. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, I will do my best to work with DPP and OGC to answer them as promptly as possible.

Best,

Brian

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Acknowledged. I have provided direction to the FFS Supervisor and Medical Team to follow up with the grantee per your guidance.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:26 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Subject: RE: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Jonathan,

It's unclear what they mean here. Not sure what they mean by "services" and "abortion counseling." Please ask them to explain clearly, because if I recall, we were very clear about what they were to do.

Grantees should not be supporting abortion services pre or post-release; only pregnancy services and life-affirming options counseling.

Thank you,
Scott

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Per our discussion.

From: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 4:59 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Subject: FW: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Hi Jonathan,

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Can we proceed with the current recommendation?

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Subject: Re: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Good afternoon, in response to your questions, We, at Las Palmas have staffed this case and here are the answers to your questions.

1. Minor has received services provided at shelter with her clinician. The program is moving towards reunification and supporting the minor's plan of abortion once arriving to her destination in Florida, where she will receive abortion counseling services. Would you recommend otherwise?

2. Sponsor has been notified of pregnancy during a family session. Minor has disclosed that she would like to have an abortion. Minor has declined to inform mother in COO about the pregnancy. The safety plan developed for minor includes that she would notify and get consent from mother before moving forward with abortion once in Florida. Sponsor has expressed full support of any decision client makes towards her pregnancy.

3. Safety plan has been developed with information of resources for both prenatal care and abortion services. Medical will develop a safety plan for referral to neurologist once reunified with sponsor.

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Your guidance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Good Afternoon,

Can you answer the following questions?

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- Can we confirm that the minor has received options counseling for the pregnancy as discussed?
- Can we confirm that the sponsor and the minor's parents have been notified of the pregnancy?
- Can we please ensure that resources for pregnancy supports in Florida where the minor is headed are part of the discharge plan?

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Subject: Re: UC requesting pregnancy termination

My apologies, she is a category 2. She will be reunified with her aunt in Miami Florida. As per case managers case is ready to submit.

Thank you,

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Cc: Diego Naranjo; Fanny Rivera; Monica Winbush; Alex.Sanchez@ACF.hhs.gov; Silvia F. Mendoza; Claudia M Ruiz; Reina Cossio; Jennifer Matos Ramos
Subject: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Hello Dr. Bartholomew, I am writing in regards to female minor, (b)(6) she is the youth that arrived at Las Palmas Program 924 and was requesting to terminate her pregnancy. At this time minor has been taken to OB/GYN appointment where it is confirmed that she is 9 weeks 6 days pregnant. Case manager notified us that the only things pending to reunify minor was medical (xray, labs, ect). Upon requesting chest xray, PCP noted that youth's xray was abnormal. Although she is negative for TB condition, the following findings were documented.

Findings as reported by Erica Yang MD: There is a dextroconvex thoracolumbar scoliosis measuring approx 8 degrees, with apex at T12-L1, with suspicion butterfly vertebrae at T12 and possibly T11.

For this reason PCP is referring to neurologist for further evaluation. We have called to schedule an appointment for neurologist in which they are telling us that it will be about 3 weeks for an appointment and they need to verify they can see a pregnant minor. Taking into consideration her pregnancy and her decision to terminate, keeping her

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here will add weeks to her pregnancy to or about 12 weeks. I am asking for your guidance as to how to proceed from here.

Will minor be able to proceed with pregnancy termination? (She still refuses to tell mom in COO, sponsor is aware of pregnancy)

Is the neurologist visit necessary here or can that be followed up with upon reunification?

Thank you in advance.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Casa Las Palmas

Southwest Key Program 924

Cell: (b)(6) if there is no answer, please call (b)(6)

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Scott and Ken,

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AnnaMarie

From: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 2:49 PM
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Subject: FW: Alabama v. US (11th Cir.) -- correspondence from State

Good afternoon. I recommend (b)(5)

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Cc: Stern, Mark (CIV); McIntosh, Scott (CIV)
Subject: Alabama v. US (11th Cir.) -- correspondence from State

All,

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Thanks,
Daniel

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Thanks very much,

Lindsey

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Subject:	Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination
Date:	2017/04/01 06:56:27
Priority:	Normal
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Scott,

Sure thing. I'll see about today vs Monday a little later on when it's daytime in that time zone.

Jonathan

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2017 5:52:08 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Jonathan,

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Thank you,
Scott

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On: 01 April 2017 00:18, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Scott,

See Arizona FFS Supervisor response below. When we spoke on the phone, she indicated that she had thought Adelante "is part of CPC"--it appears that a *different* CPC (Chicanos por la Casa) is a major network of Spanish-language health and social services providers in AZ.

We can talk in the morning if that's helpful.

Jonathan

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From: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 9:25:10 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Swartz, Tricia (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Dear Jonathan,

I just got off the phone with SWK Program Director Reina Cossio. I was informed that the program did not thoroughly read and understood the directives given to them to take the UC to CPC. Instead the program took the UC to their regular provider Adelante Health Care. I was not aware that the program did not follow the directive as given until now as I also thought that Adelante Helth Care was a network of CPC. I requested a response from the program to explain why the directive to take the UC to CPC was not followed.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks Ivonne

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Ivonne Velazquez, LCSW

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Subject: FW: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination
Importance: High

Ivonne,

Per the call I just made to you, can you find out about the pregnancy options counseling that was done for the UC at SWK Las Palmas today? Per the email I forwarded earlier, the direction from Scott was to use http://www.cpcphoenix.org. The counseling letter that (b)(6) forwarded today was for a different agency, it appears, Adelante Healthcare. Can we please clarify what happened?—unless these are different names for the same provider, we need to identify why SWK didn't use the provider as directed.

I'd appreciate any updates we can get on this.

Jonathan

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Cc: Misegades, Lara (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); Swartz, Tricia (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Ivonne and Michael,

I am writing to provide follow-up guidance from HHS Policy Team on the UC at SWK Casa Las Palmas who has requested abortion services (b)(6)

Please see guidance below from Scott Lloyd. It covers next steps. Please let me know if you have any questions but please communicate with the medical provider and management of the shelter regarding these next steps. Don't hesitate to let me know any questions and please have SWK continue to update as plan elements are implemented. It sounds like gestational age is the next big question.

Thank you.

Jonathan

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:21 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Jonathan,

As things stand now, the unborn child is a child our care, so the medical team should continue with standard prenatal care, as I believe is already the procedure.

It looks like there are issues in addition to the pregnancy, as she mentioned suicide and the clinician describes her demeanor as "obnoxious" and "sad." Clinician should work to identify any pressures that might be leading her to desire termination (does she feel pressure to get to work, is there emotional abuse, etc.) and what is leading to her sadness and anger. I am sure some of this work has already commenced, but it bears mention.

Along these same lines, let's make sure that she is aware of the option of having spiritual counseling that is sensitive to her religious preference.

Additionally, if she has not had her ultrasound yet, she should do so at the following place: http://www.cpcphoenix.org/ If she has had it, she does not need an additional ultrasound, but the grantee / field staff should set up a session of options counseling there.

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Once we know the gestational age, that will be material, as it may already be too late to legally obtain an abortion.

After the options counseling, if she still desires the abortion, and it is still within the window for a legal abortion, she must obtain parental consent, which will necessitate options counseling with them, plus signed, notarized declaration of consent.

She should not be meeting with an attorney regarding her termination or otherwise pursuing judicial bypass at this point.

We'll work on formalizing these procedures, but we'll have to do it ad hoc for now.

Thank you,
Scott

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Mesa, Arizona. Just arrived in Switzer so I can get into encrypted comms now.

UC is (b)(6)

Attached is the SIR received.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:00 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Thank you.

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Which state is this?

Also her UC portal# ?

Scott

On: 23 March 2017 08:36, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Scott,

Last night after midnight we received word that a UC at SWK Casa Las Palmas has requested abortion services. I don't have other details yet; should have those shortly but wanted to provide heads up. I am informed this is not the same UC as in earlier advisory.

Will get more information; standing by to receive guidance re next steps.

Jonathan

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Date:	2017/04/04 12:13:44
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Scott,
When I sent this to you originally, there were still comments in it, which may have caused the confusion. Sorry about that. I've removed the comments, and changed the date. Please review this version.

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AnnaMarie

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: ACLU v. Price: Discovery Responses

Anna Marie,

Could you re-send? I am not finding them anywhere.

Thank you,
SCott

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: ACLU v. Price: Discovery Responses

Scott,
I'm getting pinged by OGC on the RFAs. Just wanted you to be aware. Please let me know if you have questions. Also, I'll send the interrogatory responses to you (and Jonathan/Jallyn/Tricia) later this week.
AnnaMarie

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From: Palacios, Caitlin (HHS/OGC)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Subject: ACLU v. Price: Discovery Responses

Anna Marie,

I wanted to let you know that (b)(6) so the (b)(5)

Have a good weekend.

Caitlin

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Here is a more updated version of the RFAs. (Sorry should have sent with last email) There are some outstanding q&a in this version, but wanted you to have the latest.

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Subject:	RE: Weekly Litigation Update
Date:	2017/04/06 16:08:16
Priority:	Normal
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Sorry gang – I've been forgetting my attachments all day.

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 3:44 PM
To: ORR Senior Leadership; Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Weekly Litigation Update

Attached is this week's litigation update.

In UC litigation, in *ACLU v Price* (family planning), the government filed a Reply to the ACLU's Opposition to the motion to transfer the case to the Washington, DC District Court; in *OGLS* (habeas), an Evidentiary Hearing was set for 5/16/17. A new case on the tracker is *Southwest Key Programs v City of Escondido*, a suit brought by SWK against a city in San Diego, CA, alleging violations by the city of the federal Fair Housing Act. ORR filed a Statement of Interest in the case, to explain the nature of its custodial settings for UC.

There are no significant updates to refugee litigation since last week.

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Subject:	FW: resumes
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Heidi,

I have two emails coming to you this morning.

First, please see below. Andrew Walther is the VP for communications at the Knights of Columbus—a former colleague. I mentioned to Andrew that we were looking for young movement conservatives for support positions per Tim's instruction. Among these resumes, Andrew vouches for his (b)(6) (b)(6) as fitting into that category.

I told him also that I am not sure whether you and Tim were looking for resumes to fill other roles throughout the department—the other four would be for other positions.

I personally do not know any of these folks.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <Andrew.Walther@kofc.org>
Date: Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 6:29 AM
Subject: resumes
To: Edward Lloyd <(b)(6) @gmail.com>

Scott,

Here's a stack of resumes. Most come from World Youth Alliance and are attorneys with healthcare law background, or in the case of (b)(6), a recent grad. The other is (b)(6) who is just graduating from Columbia with an MSW and would fit in the "younger, more entry level" category we discussed.

Andrew

(See attached file: (b)(6) resume.pdf)(See attached file: (b)(6) resume.pdf)(See attached file: (b)(6) Letter and Resume.pdf)

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Heidi,

I have two emails coming to you this morning.

First, please see below. Andrew Walther is the VP for communications at the Knights of Columbus—a former colleague. I mentioned to Andrew that we were looking for young movement conservatives for support positions per Tim's instruction. Among these resumes, Andrew vouches for his (b)(6) as fitting into that category. Her background is Social Work.

I also told him that I am not sure whether you and Tim are looking for resumes to fill other roles throughout the department—the other four would be for other positions.

I personally do not know any of these folks.

Thank you,
Scott

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <Andrew.Walther@kofc.org>
Date: Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 6:29 AM
Subject: resumes
To: Edward Lloyd <(b)(6)@gmail.com>

Scott,

Here's a stack of resumes. Most come from World Youth Alliance and are attorneys with healthcare law background, or in the case of (b)(6), a recent grad. The other is (b)(6) who is just graduating from Columbia with an MSW and would fit in the "younger, more entry level" category we discussed.

Andrew

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Objective: Seeking a leadership role in government or international non-governmental organization to empower the world's most vulnerable people with opportunity and assistance through effective policy, programs and partnerships. Experience includes:

- State leadership overseeing policy strategy development and implementation.
- Substantive experience in program management, grant acquisition and compliance oversight of large dollar federal and privately funded programs, including in complex international humanitarian disaster settings abroad.
- Effective communicator with extensive public speaking experience.
- Strong track record of collaboration and relationship building to develop and achieve strategic goals.
- Proven adaptability and sensitivity to diverse cultural and work environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ohio Department of Public Safety, Columbus Ohio
***State Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator*,** January 2013-present
Lead Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, the Governor's multi-agency priority initiative to combat human trafficking of children and adults. First person to hold role in Ohio and drive statewide initiative. Key contributions:

- **Strategy:** Set strategic direction for cabinet agencies in responding to human trafficking. Consult stakeholders to develop priorities and created tool and plan to measure progress.
- **Operations and Execution:** Lead and oversee implementation of comprehensive strategic policy response through 11 state agencies, boards and commissions. Coordinate cabinet level response by working with agency directors and staff to implement strategies addressing complex policy issues and leverage state resources to address exploitation.
- **High-Level Communication and Presentations**: Brief Governor and senior advisors, elected officials and community leaders on state anti-trafficking efforts and related issues. Regularly write public communications and reports, including policy briefs and media responses.
- **Relationship and Consensus Building**: Engage and partner with multitude of diverse stakeholders including local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, survivors, national NGOs, grassroots advocates, social service agencies, judges, congressional officeholders and state and local government officials.
- **Policy Development:** Responsible for crafting and shepherding administration's anti-trafficking legislation. Worked with legislature and advocates to successfully pass 2014 anti-trafficking law. Develop and oversee implementation of initiatives such as human trafficking screening tool in Ohio's prisons, mental health hospitals and juvenile detention facilities.
- **Public Affairs:** Act as Governor's representative in media interviews and press conferences (print, radio and television) and in national, state and local events. Responsible for overseeing development and launch of statewide public awareness campaign with contracted marketing group.
- **Public Speaking:** Deliver keynote addresses and other substantive speeches for audiences such as public officials and the general public, and extensively train technical and non-

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technical audiences on behalf of the State of Ohio and Governor's office.

- **Data Collection:** Spearheaded first statewide systematic approach to human trafficking data collection.
- **Content Creation:** Created first state online resource and guidance toolkit for those serving trafficking victims (via http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov). Developed training content for key stakeholders including the State Medical Board of Ohio (67,000 licensees).
- **Grant writing and management:** Demonstrated experience and management of complex federally funded programs. Successfully wrote and manage first statewide anti-trafficking partnership funded by competitive federal funds; successfully write other applications for federal training assistance for key stakeholders such as local prosecutors.
- **Tasked to drive other Governor's office priorities:** At request of Governor's office, led development of priority initiative to address sexual violence on Ohio's campuses; consulted on development of state awareness campaign on community-police relations.
- **Management:** Manage team members and interns; provide coaching, feedback and encouragement.
- **Publications:** Authored two Governor's Task Force reports (available on http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov).

World Vision, Washington DC
Program Management Officer, Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs Team, May 2010-Jan 2013
Managed international relief and development programs for large humanitarian NGO. Worked in close collaboration with field staff, donors and other stakeholders to lead and operationalize aid programs. Progressively increased management responsibility and portfolio coverage. Key contributions:

- **Management:** Provided oversight and accountability for multi-millions dollar portfolio of foreign aid and disaster assistance funded by USAID and private donors for humanitarian crises in Latin America/the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Syrian refugee crisis. Monitored grant financial implementation rate, performance, and compliance with federal policies to meet program goals.
- **High-Level Communications and Presentations:** Represented World Vision in media inquiries and interviews on high-visibility disasters; brief leadership on Haiti earthquake response; represent organization at meetings with federal donors and US embassy staff.
- **Strategy:** Assisted World Vision country field offices with developing program strategies, budgets and contingency plans.
- **Publications:** Wrote public blogs on aspects of humanitarian relief, including for the US Institute of Peace and World Vision's blog (https://www.linkedin.com/in/eranadejanis).
- **Operations and Execution:**
  - Haiti Earthquake Response: Responsible for managing **$40 million** total in public and privately raised funds for earthquake response programming in Haiti. Spent 60% of time in field supporting staff with program implementation, logistics, compliance review, etc.
  - *Acting Program Director, Haiti Integrated Recovery Assistance Program, Aug-October 2010 (Port-au- Prince, Haiti)* Managed $14.4 million USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) grant to provide shelter, economic recovery and clean water. Managed and recruited diverse international team—including engineers, water and sanitation experts and admin staff—to implement a shelter grant in exceptionally difficult post-earthquake field environment.

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World Vision, Washington DC
Program Management Specialist, Child Development & Protection Team, Feb 2009-May 2010
Program Associate, Grants Acquisition & Management- Africa, Nov 2007-Feb 2009

- **Program Management***:* Responsible for managing a portfolio of diverse federal grants addressing child protection, health and education programs. Provided technical support to the field, found solutions to gaps and served as liaison between the field and donors in USAID and State Department.
- **Content Creation:** Created USAID supported toolkit for serving individuals with disabilities in educational settings in Eastern Europe; created toolkit for global child protection program resources.
- **Operations and Execution:** Facilitated and developed grant compliance workshops for public and privately funded programs in Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Principal driver for developing collaborative team work plans.

US Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Washington, DC
Intern with Office of Trade & Labor Policy, October 2006-May 2007

United States Senate, Washington, DC
Intern to Senator Mike DeWine, September-December 2005

Ohio House of Representatives, Columbus, OH
Legislative Aide to Representative Jim McGregor, January 2003-August 2005
Managed State Representative's office and subcommittee. Represented legislator in meetings and delivering presentations to diverse audiences. Wrote talking points, legislative testimony, press releases.

EDUCATION

McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Master of Public Policy, May (b)(6) International Policy & Development
Certificate in Refugees & Humanitarian Emergencies

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, June (b)(6)
Spanish Minor, University Honors & Scholars Program

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EXPERIENCE

Winston & Strawn LLP 1995-present (22 years)
An Am Law 50 law firm with over 800 attorneys located in nine domestic offices and nine foreign offices

- Partner in the Washington, D.C. office
- Represent companies in commercial, energy, and health care litigation
- Defend energy companies in controversies with, or investigations conducted by, federal and state agencies, including FERC, NERC, DOE, and the CFTC
- Extensive first-chair trial, motion, and appellate experience (details attached)
- Representative clients: Westar Energy, Inc., FirstEnergy Corp., Midland Cogeneration Venture, LLP, USGen New England, Council for Urological Interests
- Have acted as ethics counsel for the D.C. office for the past seven years
- Served on the firm's associate evaluation committee for eight years

Anderson, Hibey & Blair 1984-1995 (10 years)
A former boutique firm in Washington, D.C.

- Associate, then Partner
- Handled civil and criminal litigation matters including first-chairing several bench and jury trials
- Participated in several high-profile cases defending spies and dictators

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Recommended, Energy Litigation, Legal 500, 2010, 2012

AV rated, Martindale-Hubbell

COURT ADMISSIONS

D.C. Circuit, Fourth Circuit, Federal Circuit, Ninth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, District Court for the District of Columbia, Eastern District of Virginia, District of Maryland, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern District of New York

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Should Commissioners at Independent Federal Agencies Commit to Serve Their Full Terms?
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, February 3, 2017

What Happens if the Supreme Court Decides that Federal Agency Disgorgement Orders Are Subject to a Five-Year Statute of Limitations?
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, January 19, 2017

The Potential Impact of the Regulatory Accountability Act on Energy Regulators
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, January 6, 2017

Regulatory Reform for Energy Companies: Scaling Back Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, December 6, 2016

Second Circuit to Address Legality of State Renewable Energy Procurement Program
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, November 23, 2016

Can Federal Agency Commissioners Decline to Recuse Themselves to Maintain a Quorum?
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, October 19, 2016

Gas Demand Response Programs Are Appealing But Impractical
Law360, September 21, 2016

Making Arbitration Less Costly: Submitting Written Instead of Live Testimony
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, September 20, 2016

Market Manipulation in FERC's Eyes: Does a Profit Motive Save the Day?
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, August 27, 2015

FERC Enforcement May Provide Ideal High Court Test Case
Law360, December 3, 2014

FERC Undermines Competitive Bidding for QFs under PURPA
Winston & Strawn LLP blog, March 21, 2014

When NERC Comes Knocking
Presentation, Energy Bar Association, Midwest Energy Conference, March 4, 2013

FERC's Proposed Penalties May Violate 8th Amendment
Law360, January 23, 2013

Cracking Down on Cross-Market Hedging
Law360, May 21, 2012

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Directors and Boards, October 2002

EDUCATION

JD, University of Texas, (b)(6)

BA, with distinction, Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, (b)(6)

SELECTED CASES AND REPRESENTATIONS

State of California (In re Lockyer) v. Allegheny Energy Supply Company
Defended a $190 million claim by the California Attorney General seeking a refund on power sales made during the California energy crisis. Case involved multiple proceedings before FERC and appeals to the Ninth Circuit.

Council for Urological Interests v. Burwell
Represented trade group in challenging regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services that forbade physicians from charging technical fees for urological procedures on a per-use basis. Argued on appeal to the D.C. Circuit.

ConverDyn v. Moniz
Represented uranium converter in suit against Department of Energy alleging that DOE acted arbitrarily in authorizing transfers of uranium conversion services.

In re USGen New England
Defended USGen New England, Inc., against $50 million claim after it elected to reject in bankruptcy a natural gas transportation contract with TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. Handled case before bankruptcy court and on appeal to district court and later the Fourth Circuit.

Michigan Electric Transmission Co. v. Midland Cogeneration Venture
Represented power generator in breach of contract action in federal district court, later referred to FERC, and ultimately appealed to the D.C. Circuit.

Arbitration for a Midwestern energy company
Led defense of a Midwestern utility in an arbitration proceeding against a claim that the utility was contractually obligated under a power purchase agreement to provide customers with capacity credits worth more than $30 million.

In re USGen New England
Defended USGen against a $41 million claim brought by Tennessee Gas Pipeline after USGen's rejection of a long-term gas transportation contract with Tennessee.

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Attala Generating Co, LLC v. Attala Energy Company, LCC
Defended a $477 million breach of contract claim arising from termination of a long-term tolling agreement with a power plant owner.

American Lithotripsy Society v. Thompson
Challenged effort of the Department of Health and Human Services to apply Stark II regulations to lithotripsy, a urological procedure.

The Episcopal Church v. Falls Church Episcopal Church et al.
Represented group of congregations in property dispute with national denomination arising from congregations' disaffiliation. Case raised difficult statutory and constitutional issues regarding ownership of church property.

Mark Barron, O.D. v. Vision Service Plan
Represented an optometrist in securing a preliminary injunction from a federal district court to remain on the provider panel of the nation's largest vision care insurer.

Administrative cases:

- Defended a large international consulting firm in FERC administrative proceedings against allegations that the firm's employees had withheld evidence during a FERC investigation into Enron's activities.
- Represented NorthWestern Energy in FERC rate case.
- Represented NorthWestern Energy in defending State of Montana PURPA regulations.
- Defended Duquesne Light Co. in challenging imposition of exit fee in FERC proceeding.

Investigations:

- Defended Westar Energy in a five-year FERC investigation of Westar's compliance with rules governing energy sales and transmission service.
- Defended Allegheny Energy Supply in CFTC investigation into reporting of gas trades.
- Represented mid-western utility in contesting NERC allegations that the utility had violated several Reliability Standards.
- Represented utility in challenging NERC's notice of 18 possible violations of Reliability Standards.
- Defended utility against Regional Entity audit findings that utility had violated 15 Reliability Standards.

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February 9, 2017

Re: Statement of Interest

Dear Sir or Madam:

I served as an active duty Marine officer from 2005 to 2010, twice deploying to Iraq. Following my service I studied law and am now a proud small business owner in a rural area near Minneapolis, Minnesota and also serve as a judge advocate in the Minnesota Air National Guard.

"We can endure neither our vices nor their cure," wrote Livy during Rome's moral and political decline. Our nation approaches this point, but there is yet hope that she might endure the cure. I love our country and want to help cure her.

My interests are broad. My military experiences lend themselves toward working in national security or foreign policy, while my current civilian work would support placement in the areas of agriculture, small business development, or health care. I also am interested in those areas touching on family policy or religion.

My resume is enclosed. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Motz & Motz – Isanti, MN
Owner and Managing Attorney (2014 - present)

- Manage a balanced trust, estate, elder, and agricultural law practice; plan estates ranging from six to eight figures; supervise one staff person and one part-time attorney; counsel elderly clients in medical assistance and complex incapacity issues; integrate co-counsel into litigated matters in personal injury and elder abuse

Minnesota Air National Guard – Saint Paul, MN
Staff Judge Advocate (2014 - present)

- Deputy general counsel to 1200 person governmental organization; advise executive-level leaders in employment, administrative, and military law matters spanning U.S. Code Titles 5, 10, and 32 and the Minnesota statutes; ensure employee legal readiness for extended overseas travel

Lindberg & McKinnis – Cambridge, MN
Associate Attorney (2013 - 2014)

- Drafted numerous successful motion memoranda in bank litigation, contract, and discrimination matters; represented clients in employment and labor matters; drafted bankruptcy pleadings; drafted construction contracts

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Note, *Officious Meddler or Ethical Advocate? Corporate Counsel's Model Rule 1.13 Obligation to Report Up the Ladder: Defining "related to the representation"*, 10 U. St. Thomas L.J. 352 (2012), http://ir.stthomas.edu/ustlj/vol10/iss1/10/.

Killing Al-Awlaki: The Domestic Legal Issues, Idaho J. L. & Pub. Pol'y (with Robert J. Delahunty), http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1963976.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

United States Marine Corps (2005 - 2014)
- Combat experience in Iraq in 2007, 2008, and 2009
- Led infantry organizations of 15 to 180 Marines
- Awarded tenure after completion of introductory training in top 3% of 270 person class

Minnesota Air National Guard / U.S. Air Force (2014 - present)
- Provide legal counsel to executive leadership of a 1200 person organization
- Top 5% graduate of 500 person in-residence leadership development course

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EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas School of Law – Minneapolis, MN Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, (b)(6)

Honors:

- President's Scholar (3-year full scholarship)
- Dean's Award – Lawyering Skills III (top grade in appellate brief-writing course, 2012)
- Best Oralist, Intramural Moot Court competition (1 of 60 competitors, 2011)

Activities:

- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law and Public Policy (2012 - 2013)
- Associate Editor, Law Journal (2013)
- President, *Lex Vitae* Society (2011 - 2012)
- Research assistant to Prof. Robert Delahunty (2011 - 2012)

Clerkships / Clinical:

- U.S. 9th Circuit Certified Student Counsel (2012 - 2013)
- Extern to federal Judge David S. Doty (2012)
- Extern to U.S. Attorney for Minn. (2012)
- Summer associate at Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren (2012)

Iowa State University – Ames, IA Bachelor of Arts in Pol. Science, (b)(6) Minors: Spanish, Military Studies

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Books and culture
- Heritage breed cattle and sheep
- Woodworking

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EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN — May (b)(6)
Juris Doctor, magna cum laude

- Class Rank: 10/103, GPA 3.79/4.00, Dean's List Fall 2013 and 2014, Spring 2015, Dean's Awards (for highest grade) in Mediation, Int'l Law and CST, and Federal Estate and Gift Tax
- Symposium Editor, University of St. Thomas Law Review
- Moot Court Intramural Competitor 2014; Jessup Moot Court 2015-2016

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN — July (b)(6)
Master of Arts in Catholic Studies

- GPA 3.75/4.00
- Masters Essay on Thomas More: *The Pusillanimity of Raphael Hythloday in Book I of Utopia and the Consequences for his Explanation of the Island Nation of Utopia.*

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH — May (b)(6)
Bachelor of Science, cum laude, with majors in Education and Theology

- GPA 3.5/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Court of Appeals, St. Paul, MN — August 2016 to Present
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas

- Read and summarize appellate briefs and voluminous trial court files. Conduct independent legal research and analysis and prepare bench memoranda to assist three-judge panels in hearing and deciding civil, criminal, and administrative appeals, including employment, real estate, personal injury, contract, labor, and unemployment cases.
- Manage appellate files and work closely with the Opinion Judge to help draft, revise, cite-check, and edit published and unpublished opinions.
- Observe oral arguments and special-term sessions (motion practice) and serve as Court Marshal during oral arguments.

Henningson and Snoxell, Maple Grove, MN — May 2015 to May 2016
Law Clerk

- Prepare litigation documents, legal briefs, and legal memoranda for the estate planning, real estate, and litigation departments.
- File petitions in Probate Court, perform legal research, and participate in client signing conferences.

University of St. Thomas School of Law Clinic, Minneapolis, MN — January 2015 to December 2015
Certified Student Attorney in the Elder Law Clinic (Fall Semester 2015)

- Manage two case files, negotiate contracts, counsel clients, collaborate with a case team partner to develop and implement a strategy for each case, and collaborate with social work and psychology students to achieve client goals.

Certified Student Attorney in the Religious Liberty Appellate Clinic (Spring Semester 2015)

- Learned the principles of religious liberty while researching and preparing an amicus curie brief for an organizational client in collaboration with Professor Tom Berg in a current religious liberty case pending at the Washington Court of Appeals.

HomeLine, Minneapolis, MN — November 2014 to January 2015
Tenant Hotline Volunteer

- Spoke with clients to determine their legal issue and provide relevant legal advice to address that legal issue after consulting and collaborating with staff attorneys to prepare a strategy for each client.

West, Thomson Reuters, Eagan, MN — August 2014 to August 2015
Student Representative

- Received significant legal research training in order to answer student questions about legal research and to train students on the use of Westlaw legal research for their academic needs.

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EXPERIENCE (continued)

The Institute for Justice, Minneapolis, MN August 2014 to December 2014
Law Clerk

- Selected for a one-semester clerkship with a national Constitutional Litigation firm that specializes in the areas of private property, economic liberty, school choice, and the First Amendment.
- Prepared legal memoranda on novel Constitutional and procedural issues, conducted empirical research, analyzed case law for precedential impact, prepared discovery requests, communicated legal research with client orally and in writing through a memorandum, and worked cooperatively on a brief.

Minnesota Aids Project Estate Planning Clinic, Minneapolis, MN November 2014

- Met clients alongside a licensed attorney to determine the needs of each client.
- Prepared a Will, Power of Attorney, and Health Care Directive for clients in collaboration with a licensed attorney.

University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN May 2014 to September 2014
Research Assistant to Professor Gregory Sisk

- Conducted research for an empirical study on the impact of brief lengths on litigation outcomes.

Research Assistant to Professor Miriana Hernandez-Crespo

- Collaborated with Professor Hernandez-Crespo to draft a brief outlining the outreach efforts of St. Thomas School of Law to potential students of the LL.M Program in U.S. Law and assisted in creating a structure to facilitate a vibrant community for LL.M. students. Reviewed preliminary documents prior to finalization for technical and substantive accuracy.

Veterans Legal Clinic, St. Cloud, MN March 2014

- Met with clients desiring legal assistance and guided them through the intake process by asking them questions and filling out legal intake forms. Worked with the coordinator to place each client with the appropriate attorney or VA representative to address each client's needs.

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School, Rogers, MN July 2011 to June 2013
Elementary School Principal

- Led a team of teachers and parents to implement block scheduling in the middle school, created a student mentoring system, and created a comprehensive curriculum handbook and service plan.
- Prepared and negotiated contracts with faculty and staff and sales contracts, oversaw day-to-day operations of the school, recruited, hired, trained, and evaluated faculty and staff, and implemented public relation strategies such as developing relationships with local school leaders, creating a school Facebook page, and advertising to constituents regularly in the parish bulletin.

Cedarcrest Academy (now Ave Maria Academy), Maple Grove, MN July 2003 to June 2011
Elementary School Teacher

- Planned and executed lessons in math, science, religion, language arts, and social studies for kindergarten and fifth grade students. Taught computer and physical education classes for middle school students. Mentored new faculty and led a team of teachers to develop a school-wide curriculum handbook.

Blue Mountain Academy, Lewiston, ID August 1999 to July 2003
Elementary School Principal (August 2001 to July 2003)

- Doubled student enrollment, initiated the accreditation process, implemented standardized testing for all students, and streamlined the application and student record keeping processes resulting in financial and time savings.

Preschool Teacher (August 1999 to July 2002)

- Planned and implemented lessons in religion, math, science, language arts, social studies, Spanish, music, art, and physical education.

BAR ADMISSION: State of Minnesota (October 2016)

PERSONAL INTERESTS: Traveling to all 50 states, Book Club, and Running

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Experience

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC), Washington Heights, NY Sept. 2016-present
MSW Internship

- Served as counselor for a caseload of five clients participating in the YouthBuild Program
- Composed survey to assess effectiveness of YouthBuild and other NMIC educational programs
- Created incentive plan for YouthBuild clients as a means to foster personal growth and maturity, create unity, encourage client educational achievement, and to ensure good attendance
- Proposed the implementation of monthly lunches with co-workers to build morale and comradery
- Researched as needed for program improvement and development

ARC Fort Washington Senior Center, Washington Heights, NY Jan. 2016- June 2016
MSW Internship

- Conducted intake assessments for individual clients
- Provided counseling to individual clients
- Collaborated with programs in the community to ensure that clients' needs are being met
- Acted as liaison between client and resources available

After-School All-Stars, Carson, CA, Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2011
Vocal Instructor

- Taught voice lessons to students.

Salesian Lay Missioners, Bolivia, Aug. 2009 - March 2011
Volunteer

- **Site 1:** Hogar Maria Auxiliadora
  Cochabamba, Bolivia (Orphanage for girls 4-18 years- old)
  -Mentored and tutored girls
  -Served as caregiver for girls
  -Provided vocal instruction to private students and chorus in the nearby school
- **Site 2:** Maria Auxiliadora Parish
  Yapacani, Bolivia
  -Worked at the parish youth camp as teacher and camp leader
  -Taught religion courses at two elementary schools
  -Visited distant villages to provide religious education and supplies
  -Gave private voice lessons
  -Tutored students in English
  -Served as cantor at Sunday Masses and at Weddings

Jennifer Johann Photography, Sherman Oaks, CA, June 2006 –July 2007
Photography Assistant

- Oversaw set-up for family photo shoots and portraits
- Helped sell photo packages to clients

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Activities

- Soprano, Fresno State Concert Choir — Aug. 2014-Dec. 2014
- Volunteer Community Service: — Jan.2012-Dec. 2104
  - Vinland Elementary School: tutor and teach assistant
  - Fresno State Newman Center: programs for children
  - Bulldog Pantry: food distribution to the underprivileged
  - Catholic Charities: food & clothing distribution to the underprivileged

Education

Columbia University, New York, NY — May (b)(6)
Master of Science in Social Work
Concentration: Advance General Practice and Programming
Field of Practice: World of Work

California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA — Dec. (b)(6)
Bachelor of Science, Child Development

Musonia School of Music, North Hollywood, CA — (b)(6)
Voice Lessons

Achievements

- Organized collaboration between the Department of Agriculture at Fresno State and the Bulldog pantry- a nonprofit organization that provides food for those in need during the fall of 2013.

Languages

- Native English speaker
- Conversationally Fluent in Spanish

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Scott,

Per our conversation.

Andrew

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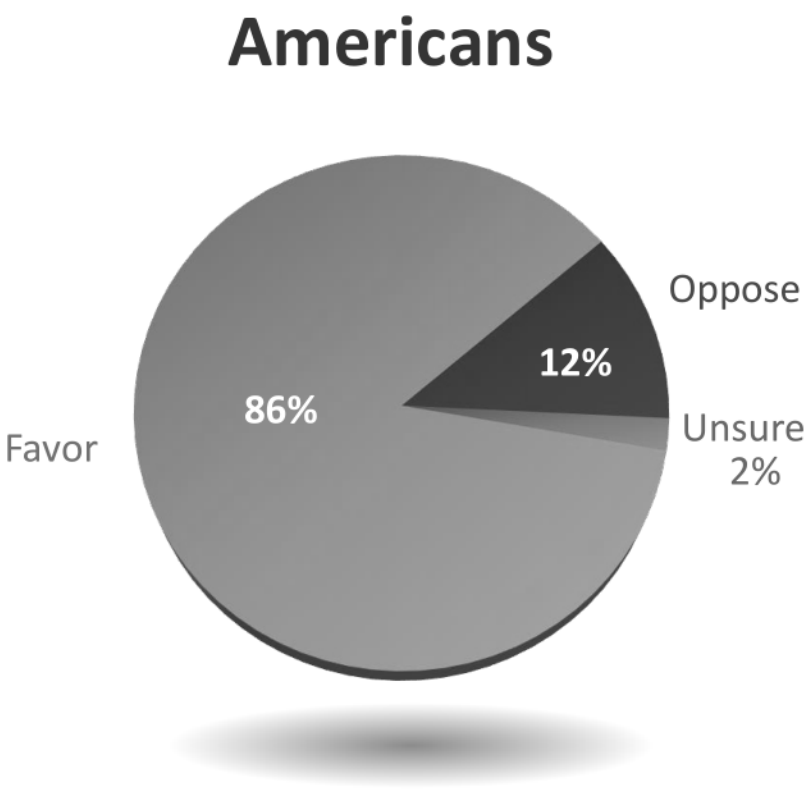
Immigration in America

January 2017

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Most Americans favor a Pathway to Citizenship if illegal immigrants meet certain requirements.

Do you favor or oppose providing a way for illegal immigrants who are currently in the U.S. to gain legal citizenship if they learn English, pay fines and have jobs that pay taxes?



	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
Catholics	90%	8%	1%
Practicing Catholics	90%	8%	1%
Non-Practicing Catholics	90%	8%	2%
Democrat	91%	7%	3%
Independent	88%	11%	1%
Republican	81%	17%	2%
Trump Supporters	79%	19%	2%
Clinton Supporters	93%	5%	2%

Regardless of one's faith practice, political affiliation, and candidate support in the 2016 presidential election, there is widespread support for providing legal citizenship for illegal immigrants if they meet certain criteria.

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Many Americans oppose indiscriminate deportation.

There have been several proposals regarding how the United States should deal with immigrants who have come to this country illegally. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following:	Americans		
	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
Deport all immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries	30%	66%	4%
Deport illegal immigrants who have been involved in criminal activity	87%	11%	2%
Deport many illegal immigrants, but have a separate process to allow families with children born in the United States to apply for legal status	70%	26%	4%

As a hard and fast rule, two-thirds of Americans do not support the deportation of illegal immigrants. However, circumstances alter Americans' views toward deportation.

The views of American Catholics are similar to the overall population.

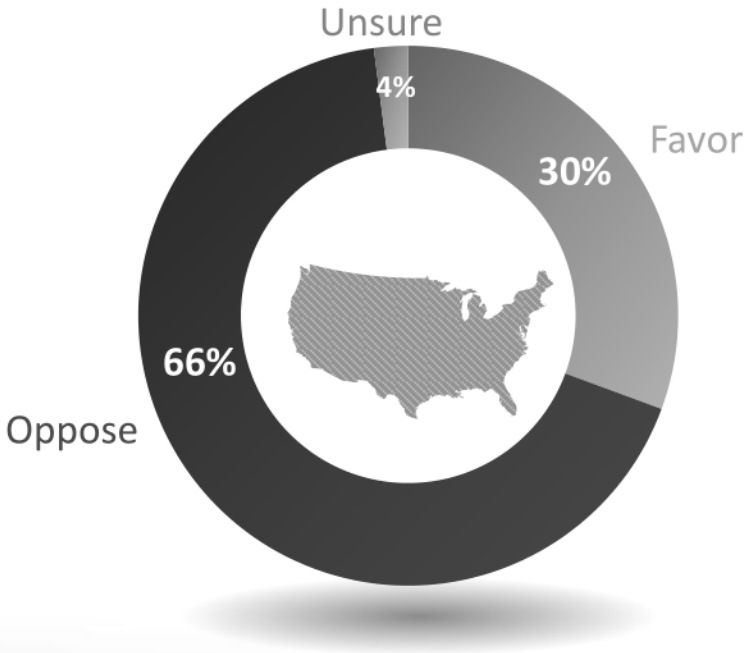
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Attitudes toward deportation divide along party lines.

There have been several proposals regarding how the United States should deal with immigrants who have come to this country illegally. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following:

Deport all immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries.

Americans



	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Favor	17%	26%	49%
Oppose	80%	69%	46%
Unsure	2%	4%	4%

Most Democrats oppose deporting all illegal immigrants while Republicans divide.

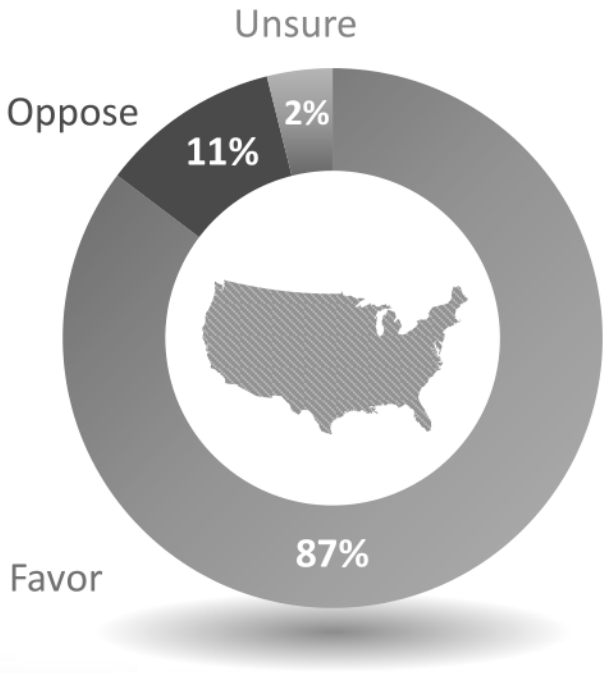
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Regardless of partisanship, Americans favor deporting illegal immigrants if they are involved in criminal activity.

There have been several proposals regarding how the United States should deal with immigrants who have come to this country illegally. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following:

Deport illegal immigrants who have been involved in criminal activity.

Americans



	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Favor	80%	87%	95%
Oppose	17%	11%	3%
Unsure	3%	2%	2%

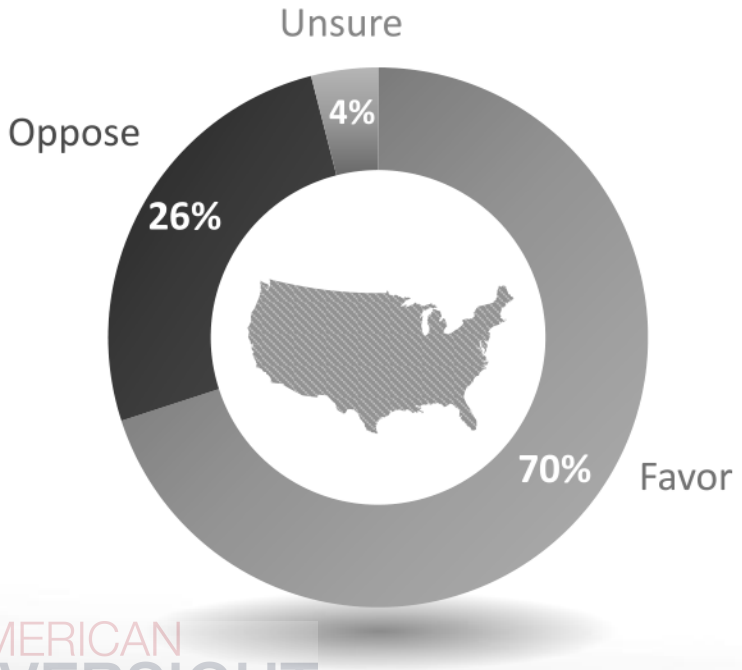
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There is bipartisan agreement that a process should be in place to aid illegal immigrants with children born in the U.S. to gain legal status.

There have been several proposals regarding how the United States should deal with immigrants who have come to this country illegally. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following:

Deport many illegal immigrants, but have a separate process to allow families with children born in the United States to apply for legal status.

Americans



	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Favor	66%	69%	74%
Oppose	28%	27%	22%
Unsure	6%	4%	3%

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About one-third of Americans think illegal immigrants should be deported if they broke the law to come to this country, but...

Which one of the following best describes why the United States should deport immigrants who have come to this country illegally:	Americans	Catholics	Practicing Catholics	Non-Practicing Catholics
They broke the law to come to the U.S.	34%	32%	33%	31%
They take jobs from Americans	11%	11%	11%	10%
They increase crime	10%	10%	10%	11%
They pose a threat of terrorism	8%	8%	10%	6%
There is no reason to deport illegal immigrants	30%	32%	30%	35%
Unsure	7%	7%	7%	8%

*… Of note, three in ten Americans also believe there is **no reason to deport illegal immigrants**.*

Similarly, about one-third of Catholics, including 33% of practicing Catholics, believe deportation should only occur if a law was broken to enter the country. However, an additional 32% of Catholics overall believe illegal immigrants should not be forced to leave the country.

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Half of Democrats say there is no reason to deport illegal immigrants. Most Republicans assert illegal entry is grounds for action.

Which one of the following best describes why the United States should deport immigrants who have come to this country illegally:

	Americans	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
They broke the law to come to the U.S.	34%	19%	37%	47%
They take jobs from Americans	11%	9%	9%	16%
They increase crime	10%	7%	10%	14%
They pose a threat of terrorism	8%	6%	8%	10%
There is no reason to deport illegal immigrants	30%	50%	29%	7%
Unsure	7%	9%	6%	6%

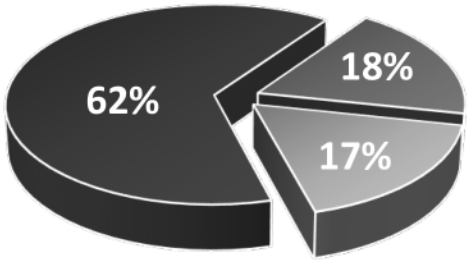
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Many Americans do not consider building a wall along the Mexican border to be a priority. Plurality says deportation is not urgent.

Thinking about specific policy issues, do you think it is an immediate priority, important but not an immediate priority, or not a priority to do each of the following:

Americans

Build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico



Unsure 2%

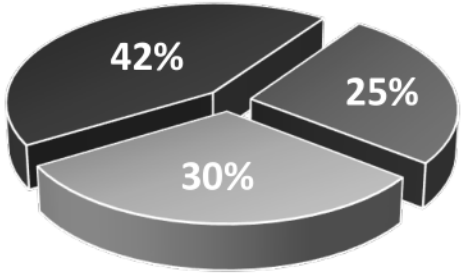
Immediate priority

Important, but not an immediate priority

Not a priority

Americans

Deport illegal immigrants



Unsure 3%

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Immediate	5%	16%	40%
Important	7%	18%	31%
Not a priority	86%	65%	28%
Unsure	1%	2%	1%

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Immediate	15%	20%	46%
Important	22%	34%	34%
Not a priority	61%	43%	17%
Unsure	2%	4%	3%

A partisan divide exists.

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How the Study was Conducted





- This study was undertaken by The Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion located at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York
- This report presents the findings from a random digit dial telephone survey conducted in English or Spanish of 2,729 Americans, including both landline and cell phone sampling frames
- Reports for Americans have a margin of error of +/- 1.9 percentage points
- Data were collected in December 2016
- Analysis of sub-groups is included when noteworthy and/or statistically different
- Please note that some totals may not add to 100% due to rounding

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Methodology Statement

- This survey of 2,729 adults was conducted December 12, 2016 through December 19, 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed in English or Spanish by telephone using live interviewers.
- Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of mobile numbers from Survey Sampling International. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. The results for this subset are statistically significant ±1.9 percentage points.
- There are 643 Catholic Americans and 341 Catholic Americans who practice their faith. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ±3.9 percentage points and ±5.3 percentage points, respectively.
- The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

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Scott,

Sure. I will connect them with the State Coordinator.

Thanks. Ken

On: 13 June 2017 05:45, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Ken,

Could you forward this to the appropriate person? It's in reference to a monastery that wants to house refugees in Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Scott

From: Andrew.Walther@Kofc.Org [mailto:Andrew.Walther@Kofc.Org]

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Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:30 AM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Fw: Share with Scott Lloyd

Scott,

FYI. Please see below.

Andrew

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----- Forwarded by Rebecca Devine/HomeOffice/KofC on 04/26/2017 09:26 AM -----

From:
(b)(6) @gmail.com>

To:
Rebecca.Devine@kofc.org,

Date:
04/26/2017 12:15 AM

Subject:
Re: Franciscan property for refugees

Hello Rebecca,

Thank you for your reply.

The building is a large monastery type of building in SE Wisconsin

(near Milwaukee) that is currently the U.S. Franciscan novitiate. The

novitiate program is moving to California and so the building will

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become vacant later this summer. My Franciscan province owns the

building and will be looking for a use for it now and will be

discussing that at our meeting in early June. We will consider

temporary housing for refugees if that is needed. Following Hurricane

Katrina, we partnered with the Red Cross to temporarily house

hurricane refugees there in 2005.

Fr. (b)(6), OFM, is on the novitiate staff at the building

and will be involved in this project. He would be a good one to

contact for further information.

His email address is:

(b)(6)@aol.com

Thank you!

Fr. (b)(6), OFM

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On Tue, Apr 25, 2017 at 3:33 PM,
<Rebecca.Devine@kofc.org>wrote:

>Dear Father (b)(6),

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>Thank you very much for reaching out to the Knights of Columbus regarding

>the building that might be available for temporarily housing refugees. Would

>you mind providing us a few more details about the property, who owns it,

>etc so that we can reach out to some organizations that might be able to

>make use of it?

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>Please feel free to call if that is more convenient for you.

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>Thanks again,

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>Rebecca

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>Communications Specialist, Knights of Columbus

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>rebecca.devine@kofc.org

>203. (b)(6)

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Would you like Sarah to schedule a meeting with Joshua?

From: Meservey, Joshua [mailto:Joshua.Meservey@heritage.org]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Scott,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to offer myself and several of my colleagues as resources as you work through refugee resettlement issues. We recently published a report (link below) on the topic, and would be happy to come talk with you in person about our findings, or to lend any other assistance that would be helpful. I also worked in refugee resettlement for more than two years based out of Nairobi, so I have a fair amount of personal insight into the overseas part of the process.

Link: http://www.heritage.org/immigration/report/the-us-refugee-admissions-program-roadmap-reform

Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can be of use.

Best,

Josh

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Dear Sarah,

Many thanks for the email. We can do 9/18 at 2pm. (b)(6) will come with me

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On Aug 21, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR) <Sarah.Lucas@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Good morning Joshua,

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The Director is available on the dates and times below. Please let us know what works best.

9/13 at 10am or 2pm

9/14 at 11am

9/18 at 1pm or 2pm

Kindly,

Sarah Lucas

Executive Assistant, Office of the Director

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From: White, Laura (ACF)

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Meservey, Joshua

Cc: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR)

Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Good morning, Josh,

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Director Lloyd would be happy to meet with you—I have cced his scheduler to coordinate the meeting.

Thanks,

Laura

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Dear Sarah,

Sorry about that, I think a previous draft went through before I had completed it. Regardless, many thanks for the email. 9/18 at 2pm works well. (b)(6) will come with me. Where will the meeting be?

Best,

Josh

Joshua
Meservey

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Good morning, Josh,

Director Lloyd would be happy to meet with you—I have cced his scheduler to coordinate the meeting.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Meservey, Joshua [mailto:Joshua.Meservey@heritage.org]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:41 PM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Scott,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to offer myself and several of my colleagues as resources as you work through refugee resettlement issues. We recently published a report (link below) on the topic, and would be happy to come talk with you in person about our findings, or to lend any other assistance that would be helpful. I also worked in refugee resettlement for more than two years based out of Nairobi, so I have a fair amount of personal insight into the overseas part of the process.

Link:

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http://www.heritage.org/immigration/report/the-us-refugee-admissions-program-roadmap-reform

Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can be of use.

Best,

Josh

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Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Texas Should Not Become a Sanctuary State for Abortion

FYI

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On: 13 October 2017 16:56, "Powers, Mary (ACF)" <Mary.Powers@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

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Thanks Steve. We will take a look at this right away and get back to you with a recommendation for you next week.

Scott, we'll also make a recommendation about whether we think it advisable for you both have the same counsel or separate.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Kevin

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Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:26 PM

To: Kevin Theriot <ktheriot@adflegal.org>

Cc: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

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To:	"Penny Nance <pynance1@cwfa.org>"
Subject:	RE: Praying for you
Date:	2017/10/27 13:35:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Dear Penny,

Thank you for the kind words, and for your perspective. The support I've received in the past several days has been very encouraging. Thank you, likewise, for all you do.

Sincerely,
Scott

-----Original Message-----
From: Penny Nance [mailto:pynance1@cwfa.org]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Praying for you

Scott, I just wanted to take a moment and tell you how much I appreciate your support for life. Your efforts to protect "the least of these" is essential. President Trump committed to an ethic of life for his entire administration and your work at HHS has reflected that priority. I understand that you have taken fire to the point of threats against your family. I am so sorry. I experienced similar persecution years ago when I did work for the Bush Adminstration at the FCC. Apparently, pornographers did not appreciate my perspective.:) Regardless, as bad as this feels know that you are the voice of millions of Americans who voted for this President expecting that their money would not be entangled in the taking of human life. We are grateful for your service. Remember, we ultimately all play to an audience of One and God is still on His throne. Please contact me if I am able to help you in some way.

Sincerely,
Penny Nance
CEO and President
Concerned Women for America

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Steve and Lloyd,

Just wanted to let you know we should have a recommendation to you by tomorrow. Bottom line is, we think you have some very strong defenses. More details should be forthcoming tomorrow.

Kevin

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Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 1:15 PM
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Date: November 21, 2017 at 8:45:16 AM EST

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Andrew

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Date:	2017/11/28 09:00:00
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I wanted to share this in case you are interested (it's tonight near Catholic University—sorry for the late notice!)

Please feel free to share.

Scott

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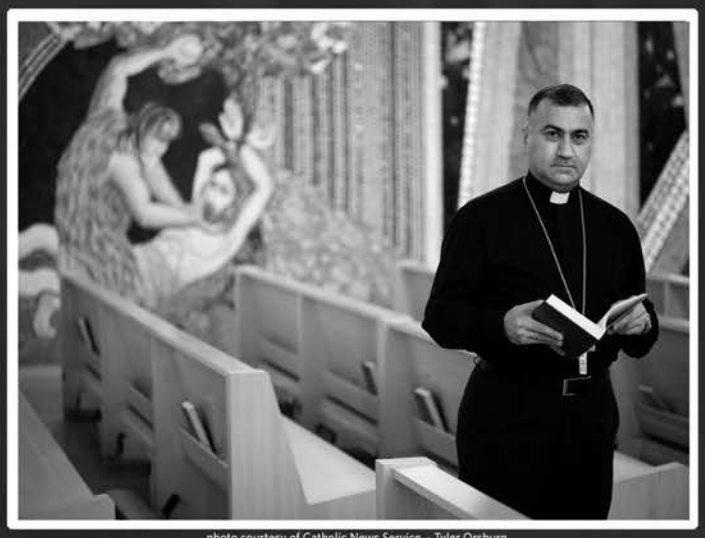


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Hi Scott,

Thank you for sharing. I will try to go tonight.

v/r

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Fields, Marivic (Maria) (ACF)
Subject: FW: Chaldean Catholic Memorial Mass for Victims of ISIS' Genocide, Nov. 28 in Washington

Marivic,

In case you didn't see this I wanted to share with you—it's at the JPII Shrine tonight.

Scott

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Great. Will do

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Huber, Valerie (HHS/OASH) <Valerie.Huber@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation

Hi Valerie,

I do know C-Fam—please share.

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Scott

From: Huber, Valerie (HHS/OASH)
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To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
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Hi Scott,
See below. If you're not family with this group, I'm happy to give you some background.
I'm happy to pass on your email to them, if you'd like, but will not do so without your OK.
Best,
Valerie
Deliberative and pre-decisional communication

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Excellent, Scott. Will do!
Thank you,
Lisa

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Scott

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My 10am call is going over. I'll call you by 11.

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March 23, 2018

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Director
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Dear Scott,

The Commission on Population and Development will convene at United Nations headquarters in New York April 9-13 addressing the theme of Migration and Urbanization. To inform the discussion a side event is being organized by 23 Member States that comprise the Group of the Friends of the Family. C-Fam is partnering with the Member States in the organizing of this event.

The event titled "The Effect of Urbanization and Migration on the Family" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 from 10am-12pm. We would like to extend an invitation to you to participate as a panelist presenting on the Trump administration migration policy related to unaccompanied minors, the exploitation and challenges confronting these children and the assistance that needs to be provided.

I am attaching a concept note to provide more detail of the event.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

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SAVE THE DATE

THE EFFECT OF URBANIZATION AND MIGRATION ON THE FAMILY ROUND TABLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018, 10 AM – 12 AM
UN, CONFERENCE ROOM 8

Bangladesh

Belarus

Comoros

Egypt

Indonesia

Iran

Iraq

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Libya

Malaysia

Nicaragua

Nigeria

Oman

Pakistan

Qatar

Russian Federation

Saudi Arabia

Somalia

Sudan

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Yemen

Uganda

Zimbabwe

BACKGROUND

The effects of urbanization and migration are frequently addressed in UN resolutions and debates on a whole host of topics ranging from the economy to the environment and global health. Urbanization and migration are the two most widespread and constant demographic factors that will affect populations worldwide over the course of the twenty-first century.

Families are disproportionally affected by urbanization and migration. Living and working conditions in cities as well as the risks and precariousness involved in migration too often contribute to families being torn apart and they make it harder for young people to form their own families.

Human mobility and international migration lead to increased vulnerability to poverty and human trafficking. Cities offer better infrastructure, and increased opportunities for education, access to healthcare, and housing. But they are not often friendly to the family. Creating family-friendly cities that welcome children should be a priority in order cities to be sustainable and societies to thrive.

OBJECTIVES

This event titled "The effect of urbanization and migration on the family" will bring together a panel of experts to contribute their insights on the topic. It will examine the harm to children particularly girls who are vulnerable to exploitation traveling without parents. It will be an opportunity for the participants to brainstorm on how to strengthen and protect the family; to create truly sustainable cities and unbiased forms of mobility.

SPEAKERS

- Moderator: **Susan Yoshihara,** Ph.D.;
- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák,** President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly (tbc),
- **H.E. Andrei Dapkiunas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus (on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Family);
- **Members of the Group of Friends of the Family** (tbc);
- **W. Bradford Wilcox,** Ph.D., Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Family Studies, and a Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (invited);
- **Kathryn Edin,** Bloomberg Distinguished Professor in the Department of Sociology at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University(TBC);
- **Timothy Nelson,** Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology and a Research Associate in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University (tbc);
- **E. Scott Lloyd, Director,** Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (invited)
- **Timothy Herrmann,** Attache**,** Holy See Mission**,** (confirmed)
- **Stefano Gennarini,** J.D., Director, Center for Legal Studies, C-Fam (confirmed);

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Civil Society for the Family represents 180 International NGOs. The organizing committee for this platform includes the following: Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam), Family Research Council, Human Life International, HazteOir.org, Citizen Go, and Derecho a Vivir

ATTENDANCE

As the room's seating capacity is limited and to guarantee a nameplate and a convenient place at the microphone, it is advisable to register your delegation's attendance in advance by

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Hi Scott,
Thanks for calling. We're still waiting on clearance for the consultation in Philadelphia the morning of Thursday, the 12th. I spoke with the PA SRC on Friday and we are planning for some refugee program site visits the afternoon of the 12th. Right now we don't have any plans for the 11th, but the SoT provider knows we will likely be in town and so I can try to arrange for the SoT site visit for the 11th.

It shouldn't be a problem for you to do both the NY engagement and the Philadelphia consultation and site visits. I'll keep you all posted as we firm up Philadelphia.

Lauren

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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 9:59 AM
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We are organizing a UN event on migration and we would like to extend an invitation to Scott Lloyd who heads up Office
of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Would you have an email for hi?

Thank you,

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Lisa

Lisa Correnti

Executive Vice President

Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)

lisa@c-fam.org

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To:	"Susan Yoshihara <susan@c-fam.org>"
Subject:	Re: Meeting with Sisters of Life
Date:	2018/04/09 19:13:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hi Susan,

That sounds great. I will taxi up and meet you there. I will be staying across from the UN at the Hilton.

See you tomorrow,

Scott

On: 08 April 2018 17:10,

"Susan Yoshihara" <susan@c-fam.org>wrote:

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Scott,

They've invited us to the convent or breakfast at 8am which will give us time to get to the UN by 9:30. The address is 320 E. 66th. Where will you be staying?

I will be coming from the West Side via taxi so may be able to pick you up on the way. Otherwise we can meet there.

Mother Agnes said she will definitely try to get there. We will meet with Sr. Benedicta and Sr. Magdalene from the 66th St. Convent.

My cell is 401-(b)(6)

Best,

Susan

On Fri, Apr 6, 2018 at 11:50 AM, Susan <susan@c-fam.org> wrote:

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Scott -

That's great. I let them know and also that you need to be at the UN by 0930. Will get back to you on the time and place.

Susan

On Apr 6, 2018 at 11:35, <Scott (Acf) Lloyd>wrote:

Hi Susan,

I'd love to meet with Mother Agnes. I will be there before the event, so that should be no problem.

I am pretty flexible with place and time as I will be arriving in the city the night before.

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Just let me know!

God bless,

Scott

From: Susan [mailto:susan@c-fam.org]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:10 PM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Meeting with Sisters of Life

Scott,

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Mother Agnes would like to meet with you when you come Tuesday. I don't know your travel schedule but are you able to meet before the event - at their convent or at Holy Family across the street from the UN?

Thanks,

Susan Yoshihara

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Subject:	Re: Speaker Invite
Date:	2018/04/20 12:33:36
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thank you, Scott.

On Apr 20, 2018, at 11:00 AM, Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for the invite. I will see if this is possible and get back to you.

Scott

From: Lisa Correnti [mailto:lisa@c-fam.org]

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:48 AM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Speaker Invite

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Dear Scott,

Attached please find an invite letter and draft agenda for an anti-trafficking briefing on May 17 in Washington DC at the Russell Senate bldg.

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Subject:	Fwd: Event flyer
Date:	2018/05/01 09:06:13
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Anna

Any objections in principle?

Thank you,
Scott

From: "Lisa Correnti" <lisa@c-fam.org>
Subject: Event flyer
Date: 26 April 2018 08:20
To: "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

Recipient:	"Pilato, Anna (ACF) </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=77e6b2c93f9a436b802687f05b2ae74f-Pilato, Ann>"
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Subject:	Fwd: Event flyer
Date:	2018/05/01 09:22:56
Priority:	Normal
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No, but who else is participating in the panel with you? Can you send the original invitation?

Since it's on the Hill we may want to loop in OLAB. Brian, any input on this?

From: "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Event flyer

Date: 01 May 2018 09:06

To: "Pilato, Anna (ACF)" <Anna.Pilato@acf.hhs.gov>

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Anna

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Thank you,

Scott

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Best regards,

Lisa

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Type:	Note

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From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>; Marriott, Brian (ACF) <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Event flyer

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Anna

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Scott

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Trafficking and Women's and Children's Health: Intervention, Recovery and Prevention

May 17, 2018
12 PM – 4 PM
Russell Senate Building SR-485

Box lunch served at 12 PM

ORGANIZERS:

Global Centurion Foundation
Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)

CO-SPONSORED BY:

American Association of Pro-Life Ob-Gyns (AAPLOG)
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C-Fam

Trafficking and sexual exploitation is a gross violation of human rights inflicting great harm to women and girls. Experts will examine the health impact as well as treatment and prevention programs to safeguard at risk women and children.

SPEAKERS:

Tanya Street, Survivor, Member, President's National Advisory Council on Trafficking

Dr. Donna Harrison, Ob-Gyn, President, AAPLOG

Dr. Yaro Garcia, Clinical Psychologist, Florida Gulf Coast University

Hope Green, Survivor and Service Provider

Dean Nelson, Pastor, National Outreach Director, Human Coalition

Cynthia Collins, Founder, Speak Hope

Chuck Donovan, President, Charlotte Lozier Institute

Betty McDowell, Heartbeat International, TIP Training Pregnancy Resource Centers

Marlene Carlson, Survivor and Service Provider

Laura Lederer, J.D., President, Global Centurion Foundation

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E. Scott Lloyd
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

April 19, 2018

Dear Scott,

Together with the anti-trafficking organization Global Centurion we extend an invitation to you to participate in a briefing that examines the health consequences of women and girls who are victims of trafficking and prostitution. Additionally, panelists will present on best practices to arm and protect women and girls from being vulnerable to trafficking.

The briefing is scheduled from 12:00pm to 4:00pm on May 17, 2018 in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office building. We are grateful to Sen. Lankford for making this event possible where we hope to educate staffers and advocates. Several anti-trafficking organizations will participate both as panelists and as co-sponsoring organizations.

We have reserved the fourth panel to hear from experts from the Trump administration to inform on policy and programs that assist women and girls both domestically and internationally. We invite you to present on the vulnerability of unaccompanied minors in falling prey to traffickers and U.S. government programs that protect these children while waiting to be united with family.

More information on the event can be found in the accompanying draft agenda.

We hope you will accept this invitation. We look forward to a fruitful discussion.

Best regards,

Lisa Correnti
Executive Vice President

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HALF-DAY EVENT ON THE HILL – DRAFT
May 17, 2018
12:00 – 4:00 pm
Russell Senate Bldg – Room 485

Welcome and Introduction - LUNCH OFFERED

Opening Remarks - Senator James Lankford and Rep. Chris Smith

Panel 1 - The Problem – Moderated by
Laura Lederer, J.D. – What Does the Research Tell Us - CONFIRMED
Tanya Street- Survivor, member President's Natl Advisory Council on Trafficking)- CONFIRMED
Dr. Donna Harrison (Ob-Gyn, President, AAPLOG) – CONFIRMED
Dr. Yaro Garcia (Florida Gulf Coast University clinical psychologist) - CONFIRMED

Panel 2 – Provider Perspective/Case Studies – Moderated by
Hilary Chester, USCCB, (INVITED)
Hope Green, Survivor and Service Provider - CONFIRMED
Dean Nelson, Pastor, and Consultant, Human Coalition - CONFIRMED
Cynthia Collins, Speaking Hope - CONFIRMED

Panel 3 - The Way Forward: Double Panel – Moderated by

Chuck Donovan, President, Charlotte Lozier Institute (INVITED)
Bette McDowell, Heartbeat International, TIP Training Pregnancy Resource Centers CONFIRMED
Clydette Powell, Board member, CMDA - CONFIMRED
Marlene Carlson, Survivor and Service Provider – CONFIRMED

Panel 3 Part 2 – Government Panel – Moderated by

Valerie Huber, HHS – Preventing Trafficking by Training Teens to Avoid Sexually Risky Behavior and Predatory Relationships (INVITED)
Scott Lloyd, ORR, HHS – Programs to Address Abortion and Trafficking on the Border (INVITED)
William Wubbenhorst – Integrating Anti-Trafficking Programming into FYSB (Family Youth Service Bureau Programs) (INVITED)
Michele Bekkering, - Bureau of Economic Growth, Education, and Environment (E3) (INVITED)

Closing Remarks

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Date: May 17th
Time of Day: 12:00 - 4:00 pm
Name of Event: Human Trafficking and Women's and Children's Health Issues
Point of Contact/Email/Phone: Laura J. Lederer 703 919 6828
Type of event: Briefing
Food or drink: Lunch, Coffee, Tea and Dessert
Number of Attendees: 100
Full Event Description:

Human trafficking impacts all aspects of the victim's health, but especially reproductive, procreative, and other women's health issues. In one study, 71.2% of females got pregnant at least once while being trafficking; 21.2% reported five or more pregnancies while being trafficked. Of those, 54.7% had at least one miscarriage; 29.7% had multiple miscarriages. Similarly, 55.2% had at least one abortion while 29.2% reported multiple abortions while being trafficked. 67.3% contracted an STD; 63.8% reported gynecological problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), infertility, and other serious gynecological problems. In addition, many serious communicable diseases affect women being trafficking, including hepatitis, and tuberculosis. In one recent case, out of 125 women and children apprehended in a raid on 13 brothels owned by the same trafficker, over 75% of them tested positive for TB. Finally, studies indicate that thousands of children are born into trafficking in the U.S. today. While there is little research on this problem, the negative physical, mental and emotional repercussions for such children are considerable and deserve further attention.

Co-Sponsors – All Co-Sponsors are Pro-Life, Anti Trafficking NGOs (Confirmed):

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Human Coalition
USCCB
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Will do!

On: 01 May 2018 12:38,

"Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Amanda,

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I'm not sure what this form is...could you track it down and fill it out? I can help with any questions if they arise.

Thank you,

Scott

From: "Marriott, Brian (ACF)" <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Speaker Invite

Date: 01 May 2018 11:44

To: "Pilato, Anna (ACF)" <Anna.Pilato@acf.hhs.gov>, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

Scott,

Be sure to have your staff send in a public speaking request form for this.

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Brian

From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)

Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:37 AM

To: Marriott, Brian (ACF) <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Speaker Invite

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From:

"Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Speaker Invite

Date: 01 May 2018 09:29

To: "Pilato, Anna (ACF)" <Anna.Pilato@acf.hhs.gov>

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Begin Forwarded Message:

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Subject: Speaker Invite

Date: 19 April 2018 10:50

To: "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>

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Priority:	Urgent
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-Maggie

Deliberative and pre-decisional communication

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 7:59 AM
To: Wagner, Steven (ACF) <Steven.Wagner@acf.hhs.gov>; Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS) <Margaret.Wynne@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Speaker Invite
Importance: High

Steve and Maggie,

This is an invite from cfam for a panel on trafficking on May 12. (b)(5)

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Scott

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From: Marriott, Brian (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Speaker Invite

Scott,

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Brian

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Hang tight we may have a hearing that day

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF); Lawrence, Courtney (HHS/ASL); Hayes, Sean (HHS/ASL)
Subject: RE: Speaker Invite

No, I haven't.

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 1:41 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Lawrence, Courtney (HHS/ASL); Hayes, Sean (HHS/ASL)
Subject: RE: Speaker Invite

Have you accepted the speaking request yet?

Scott Logan
Director
Division of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF) <scott.logan@acf.hhs.gov>; Lawrence, Courtney (HHS/ASL) <Courtney.Lawrence@hhs.gov>; Hayes, Sean (HHS/ASL) <Sean.Hayes@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Speaker Invite
Importance: High

Scott and Sean,

Attached is a speaker invite from C-fam. Maggie thought I should bring it to your attention since it is in the Senate office building and could include Senate staffers.

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Please let me know if you have any concerns or feedback.

Thank you,
Scott

From: Marriott, Brian (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Speaker Invite

Scott,

Be sure to have your staff send in a public speaking request form for this.

Brian

From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Marriott, Brian (ACF) <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov>
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From: "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Speaker Invite
Date: 01 May 2018 09:29
To: "Pilato, Anna (ACF)" <Anna.Pilato@acf.hhs.gov>

Begin Forwarded Message:

> **From:** "Lisa Correnti" <lisa@c-fam.org>
> **Subject:** Speaker Invite
> **Date:** 19 April 2018 10:50
> **To:** "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
>
> Dear Scott,
>
> Attached please find an invite letter and draft agenda for an anti-trafficking briefing on May 17 in Washington DC at the Russell Senate bldg.

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We invite you to present on the vulnerability of unaccompanied minors in falling prey to traffickers and U.S. government programs that protect these children while waiting to be united with family. Your panel will begin at 3pm.

Please see attached for more information. Happy to discuss by phone.

Best regards,
Lisa

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Scott, please decline this invitation. Maggie or I can cover. Thank you.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 7:59 AM
To: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS)
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Importance: High

Steve and Maggie,

This is an invite from cfam for a panel on trafficking on May 12. (b)(5)

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Scott

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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Speaker Invite

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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Marriott, Brian (ACF) <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov>
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Scott,

Thanks so much for passing it on. I appreciate your help with this.
Wish you all the best with the important work you are doing.

Blessings,
Lisa

On May 8, 2018, at 6:15 AM, Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Lisa,

I will not be able to attend. I have forwarded the invite to others who are a bit closer to the trafficking issue—they will reach out to you if they are able to attend.

Thank you for thinking of me.

God bless,
Scott

From: Lisa Correnti [mailto:lisa@c-fam.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:20 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Event flyer

Scott,

Attached is the event flyer. Since all govt reps are pending they are not listed. As well we are hoping Sen. Lankford will make opening remarks. It is a half day event but of course we would only expect you for your panel which is scheduled for 3pm.

Best regards,
Lisa

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Sender:	Lisa Correnti <lisa@c-fam.org>
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Dear Colleagues,
We are pleased to invite you to a Pop Up Panel on **Marginal Tax Rates/Program Cliffs** and how understanding them can be beneficial for policy development and program implementation. The panel will take place **Tuesday, June 26, 2018, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**, and is hosted by HHS/ASPE and the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin. Please forward this invitation to interested colleagues. No video or conference lines will be available. ***If you would like to attend, please accept the invitation and send a response to: nina.chien@hhs.gov***

Event: Pop Up Panel on Marginal Tax Rates/Program Cliffs
When: June 26, 2018
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, **Room 705A**
200 Independence Avenue S.W. Washington, D.C.

Overview

Employment and social networks are central to helping families achieve and maintain independence. Yet, for low-income individuals and families who receive government benefits, high effective marginal tax rates may discourage work and marriage as earnings rise. Of particular concern are "benefit cliffs" occurring when effective marginal tax rates exceed 100 percent. In such cases, due to the loss of benefits, workers with earnings increases *do not retain* any of their new earnings. The panel will assess and present current analyses on marginal tax rates and their relationship to work effort among program recipients and other populations

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including married families. The panel will close with a discussion of policy options for addressing potential work and marriage disincentives associated with the federal safety net.

Experts Contributing to this Event

- Angela Rachidi, **American Enterprise Institute**
- Oren Cass, **Manhattan Institute**
- Shannon Mok, **Congressional Budget Office**
- Jennifer Romich, **University of Washington**
- Suzanne Macartney & Nina Chien, **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation**

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We hope you can join us!
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Institute for Research on Poverty
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Pop-Up Panel: Marginal Tax Rates Benefit Cliffs

June 26, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Hubert H. Humphrey Building Room 705A
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Convened by the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in conjunction with the Office of Human Services Policy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Overview: Employment and social networks are central to helping families achieve and maintain independence. Yet, for low-income individuals and families who receive government benefits, high effective marginal tax rates may discourage work and marriage as earnings rise. Of particular concern are "benefit cliffs" occurring when effective marginal tax rates exceed 100 percent. In such cases, due to the loss of benefits, workers with earnings increases *do not retain* any of their new earnings. The panel will assess and present current analyses on marginal tax rates and their relationship to work effort among program recipients and other populations including married families. The panel will close with a discussion of policy options for addressing potential work and marriage disincentives associated with the federal safety net.

Agenda

1:30 p.m.	**Welcome**
1:40 p.m.	**Opening remarks** *Charles Keckler, Associate Deputy Secretary, HHS*
1:45 p.m.	**Overview and introduction to marginal tax rates and benefit cliffs** *Angela Rachidi, American Enterprise Institute*
1:50 p.m.	**HHS programs and populations** *Suzanne Macartney, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation* *Nina Chen, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation*
2:20 p.m.	**Analysis from the Congressional Budget Office** *Shannon Mok, Congressional Budget Office*
2:55 p.m.	**Break**
3:10 p.m.	**How do families experience and respond to marginal tax rates and benefit cliffs?** *Jennie Romich, University of Washington*
3:45 p.m.	**Commentators** *Angela Rachidi, American Enterprise Institute* *Oren Cass, Manhattan Institute*
4:25 p.m.	**Wrap up and thank you**
4:30 p.m.	**Adjourn**

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Maggie Wynne
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On: 11 May 2018 14:30, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

FYI, in case either of you would like to attend the cfam event

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From: Lisa Correnti [mailto:lisa@c-fam.org]

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Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 2:16 PM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Re: Event flyer

Hi Scott,

Just checking back in on whether you have a colleague available to participate. We would really welcome someone's participation and can extend until Monday confirmation.

Best regards,

Lisa

On May 8, 2018, at 6:15 AM, Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

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Lisa,

I will not be able to attend. I have forwarded the invite to others who are a bit closer to the trafficking issue—they will reach out to you if they are able to attend.

Thank you for thinking of me.

God bless,

Scott

From: Lisa Correnti [mailto:lisa@c-fam.org]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:20 AM

To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Event flyer

Scott,

Attached is the event flyer. Since all govt reps are pending they are not listed. As well we are hoping Sen. Lankford will make opening remarks. It is a half day event but of course we would only expect you for your panel

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which is scheduled for 3pm.

Best regards,

Lisa

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Here you go – pls see the email below to thought leaders for an update on the UAC situation, how HHS is executing on its mission and how to better amplify our message and help to set the record straight.

Thanks to Team Hargan for helping to make the time while on the road and Laura for getting this call quickly together with the right people.

The run of show is:

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Laura Trueman to open and introduce HHS participants and introduce the Deputy Secretary
EDH to give comments at the top with an update and perspective
Q and A with Steve Wagner/Scott Lloyd and Chris Meekins and if EDH is available for some or all.

The list of participants:

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ATR	Grover Norquist and Alex Hendrie
Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity`	Avik Roy
John Fund	
Peter Roff	
Yuval Levin	
Matt Schlapp	
Mary Katherine Hamm	would like to send to her – need email
Mollie Hemingway	
Kelsey Harkness	would like to send to her – need email

Judy – do you want to share with your WH contacts?

All – if you have a few others you want to invite pls send to me and Laura T asap.

Thank you,

Jack

Jack Kalavritinos
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From: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA)
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To: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA) <Laura.Trueman@hhs.gov>
Subject: Invite for Call @ 2pm EST Today
Importance: High

Dear Colleague

You are invited to join **a call with HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan at 2pm EST today**. He will be discussing HHS's care and reunification of the minors in the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) program, particularly those affected by the court order for reunification.

As you know, there has been intense focus on this in the media. As key opinion leaders who speak to important audiences for our Administration, we believe it is important that you know what is fact and what is fiction. While this may not be directly in your organization's day-to-day wheelhouse, we know that your being knowledgeable on an issue where unfair characterizations are being made can be helpful.

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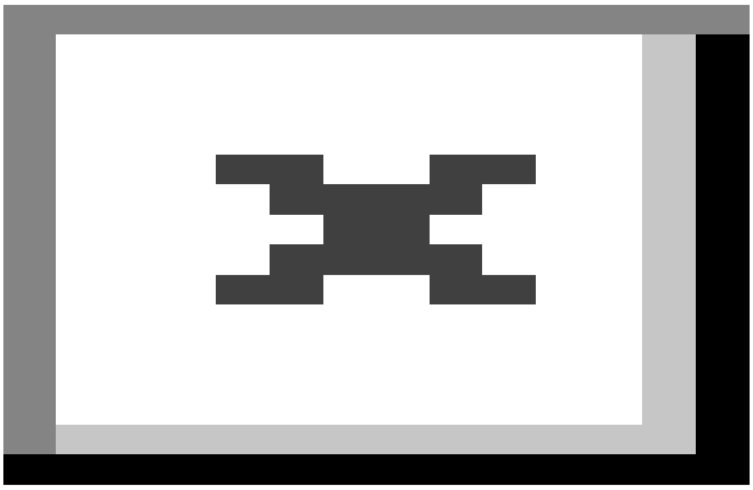
Please let me know if you plan to join. I know our Deputy Secretary will appreciate the opportunity to connect with you. By the way, while this is invitation only, if you are not able to join today and want to have a colleague on the call, that is fine - just let me know about the substitute.

Below please find our latest report on reunification efforts, in graphic and text.

Laura

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Reunification by the numbers. As of 7 am, July 12, 2018, 57 children reunified with parents, 24 not eligible due to adult's circumstances, 22 not eligible due to safety concerns

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July 12, 2018
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Trump Administration Completes Reunification for Eligible Children Under Age 5

Under order of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, the departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Homeland Security (DHS), and Justice (DOJ) have been reunifying alien minors under 5 years old who are currently in the custody of HHS with adults who have been in the custody of DHS.

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HHS Secretary Alex Azar, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions made the following joint statement regarding reunification efforts for children under age 5:

“Dedicated teams at the Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Justice have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of Ms. L class members. As of this morning, the initial reunifications were completed. Throughout the reunification process our goal has been the well-being of the children and returning them to a safe environment. Our agencies’ careful vetting procedures helped prevent the reunification of children with an alleged murderer, an adult convicted of child cruelty, and adults determined not to be the parent of the child. Of course, there remains a tremendous amount of hard work and similar obstacles facing our teams in reuniting the remaining families. The Trump administration does not approach this mission lightly, and we intend to continue our good faith efforts to reunify families.

“Certain facts remain: The American people gave this administration a mandate to end the lawlessness at the border, and President Trump is keeping his promise to do exactly that. Our message has been clear all along: Do not risk your own life or the life of your child by attempting to enter the United States illegally. Apply lawfully and wait your turn.

“The American immigration system is the most generous in the world, but we are a nation of laws and we intend to continue enforcing those laws. Establishing the immigration system demanded of our political leaders by the American people for more than 30 years—one that serves the national interest—will allow our nation to further realize the foundation of freedom, safety, and prosperity we inherited from our Founders.”

There are 103 children under age 5 covered by the court case. Of the 103 children:

- • 57 children have been reunified as of 7 a.m. EST on July 12.
- • 46 children were acknowledged by the court to be ineligible for reunification or determined by HHS, DHS, and DOJ to be ineligible under court-approved criteria.

Of these 46:

- • 22 children have been found ineligible due to safety concerns posed by the adults in question:
    - • 11 adults have a serious criminal history (charges or convictions for child cruelty, kidnapping, murder, human smuggling, domestic violence, etc.).
    - • 7 adults were determined not to be a parent.
    - • 1 adult had a falsified birth certificate (parentage is being examined).
    - • 1 adult was alleged to have abused the child.
    - • 1 adult planned to house the child with an adult charged with sexually abusing a child.
    - • 1 adult is being treated for a communicable disease.
- • 24 children are not currently eligible for reunification due to circumstances of the adults in question:
    - • 12 adults have been deported and are now being contacted.
    - • 9 adults are in custody of the U.S. Marshals Service for other offenses.
    - • 2 adults are in custody of state jails for other offenses.

1 adult’s location has been unknown for over a year.

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We did not use the upgraded call line that includes a moderator or provided a list of who called in as this was not a massive call list.

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We did not do a roll call on who was on, but 17 dialed in, which includes some internals.

Invitees

Hispanic Leadership Fund, Mario Lopez

FRC, Tony Perkins ,David Christensen

Heritage, David Inserra, Hans von Spakovsky

AEI Robert Doar, John Cusey, Karlyn Bowman

On: 15 July 2018 09:09,

"Brady, Will (HHS/IOS)" <William.Brady@hhs.gov>wrote:

Jack,Laura- Can we let Judy know who attended ?

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Thanks

On: 14 July 2018 22:54, "Stecker, Judy (OS/ASPA)" <Judy.Stecker@hhs.gov>wrote:

Do we have a list of all those who joined?

On: 13 July 2018 14:01,

"Reilly, Erin (OS/IEA)" <Erin.Reilly@hhs.gov>wrote:

The passcode is: (b)(6)

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA)

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 11:09 AM

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To: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA); Callahan, Kenneth (HHS/IOS); Brady, Will (HHS/IOS); Kalavritinos, Jack (OS/IEA); Beck, Gary (OS/IEA); Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA); Reilly, Erin (OS/IEA)

Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Stecker, Judy (OS/ASPA); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF); Caliguiri, Laura (HHS/IOS); Dareshori, Zack (HHS/IOS); Harrison, Brian (HHS/IOS); Althouse, Riley (OS/ASPA); Hayes, Jonathan (ACF); Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA)

Subject: Call on UAC with Dep Sec

When: Friday, July 13, 2018 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US &Canada).

Where: IEA Conference room

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Participant Code (b)(6)

Leader Code (b)(6)

From: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA)

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 10:52 AM

To: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA) <Laura.Trueman@hhs.gov>

Subject: Invite for Call @ 2pm EST Today

Importance: High

Dear Colleague

You are invited to join **a call with HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan at 2pm EST today**. He will be discussing HHS's care and reunification of the minors in the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) program, particularly
those affected by the court order for reunification.

As you know, there has been intense focus on this in the media. As key opinion leaders who speak to important audiences for our Administration, we believe it is important that you know what is fact and what is fiction. While this

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may not be directly in your organization's day-to-day wheelhouse, we know that your being knowledgeable on an issue where unfair characterizations are being made can be helpful.

Call in # (b)(6)

Participant Code (b)(6)

Please let me know if you plan to join. I know our Deputy Secretary will appreciate the opportunity to connect with you. By the way, while this is invitation only, if you are not able to join today and want to have a colleague on
the call, that is fine - just let me know about the substitute.

Below please find our latest report on reunification efforts, in graphic and text.

Laura

The run of show is:

Laura Trueman to open and introduce HHS participants and introduce the Deputy Secretary

EDH to give comments at the top with an update and perspective

Q and A with Steve Wagner/Scott Lloyd and Chris Meekins and if EDH is available for some or all.

The list of participants:

Hispanic Leadership Fund	Mario H. Lopez
FRC arp@frc.org dxc@frc.org	Tony Perkins David Christensen
Heritage david.inserra@heritage.org	David Inserra (scholar)

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Hans von Spakovsky (Scholar)

John Cooper (Director of Comms)

AEI Robert Doar

John Cusey
john.cusey@awi.org,

Karlyn Bowman

Focus on the Family Tim Goeglein
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Ethics and Policy Center Travis Wussow

Faith and Freedom Coalition Ralph Reed
ralph@centstrat.com

Patrick Purtill,
patrick@ffcoalition.com

Americans for Prosperity

ATR Grover Norquist and Alex Hendrie

Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity` Avik Roy

John Fund

Peter Roff

Yuval Levin

Matt Schlapp

Mary Katherine Hamm would like to send to her – need email

Mollie Hemingway

Kelsey Harkness would like to send to her – need email

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Cc: Scott Lloyd <(b)(6) @gmail.com>
Subject: NVDaily - full page ad vs. PGK Scott

In case you haven't heard yet, there was a full page ad in today's Northern Virginia Daily blaming PGK Scott Lloyd for the family separations at the border. I've attached a picture. The website also calls out LegalWorks, WitnessWorks, KofC, and the Front Royal Pregnancy Center.

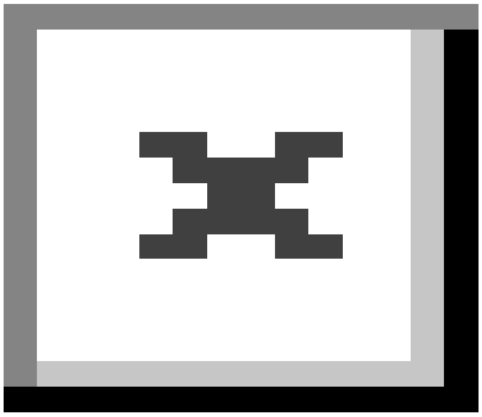
I pray this doesn't go further than words in the newspaper, but there are people out there listening when Maxine Waters says things like, "Let's make sure we show up wherever we have to show up. And if you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. And you push back on them. And you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere. We've got to get the children connected to their parents."

I don't know what we can do to help, but as Knights, neighbors, and friends, regardless of the politics, we should be ready to support Scott and his family. Scott, please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know what would (or wouldn't) help.

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Those of us who live in Happy Creek Knolls might also want to be a little extra vigilant.

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Subject: Re: Iraq: quick intro

Andrew - thank you for the kind introduction.

Hi Scott - pleasure to meet you. Should you have a moment please call me an (b)(6) Am in Arizona this week but always reachable by phone.
Sincerely (b)(6)

On Monday, July 23, 2018, 10:27:34 AM EDT, Andrew.Walther@Kofc.Org <Andrew.Walther@Kofc.Org>wrote:

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Scott,

Introducing you to (b)(6) at USAID. He's going to be the funding czar for USAID money to minorities in Iraq. He's a good guy and good friend. You two should connect.

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I told you about Scott who was my partner on all things Middle East before he joined HHS as head of ORR.

Happy connecting.

Andrew

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Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Tomorrow, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar will deliver a speech at an event hosted by The Heritage Foundation, The Importance of Free-Market Principles in American Healthcare. His remarks will focus on his four secretarial priorities and how free-market principles improve affordability and care for patients.

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WHO: Secretary Alex M. Azar II

WHEN: Thursday, July 26, 2018, 11:00 AM ET

WHERE: The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC, 20002

**** Questions regarding event logistics and media attendance should be directed to Marguerite Bowling at marguerite.bowling@heritage.org****

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Good evening,

Tomorrow at 11:00 AM ET, Secretary Azar will deliver remarks at an event hosted by The Heritage Foundation, entitled, "The Importance of Free-Market Principles in American Healthcare." His remarks will focus on his four secretarial priorities and how free-market principles improve affordability and care for patients.

In advance of the event, here is a preview of Secretary Azar's remarks *(as prepared for delivery)*:

…

"One of America's greatest leaders, President Ronald Reagan, applied commonsense solutions to the supposedly intractable challenges of his time, like an overly complicated tax code and a bloated, broken welfare system. Like President Trump, he saw straight through how Washington works, and had a pithy description of how problems are usually handled here. 'Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases,' he said. 'If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.'"

"For too long, that has more or less been the federal government's approach to healthcare. We saw it most recently with the Affordable Care Act, which imposed a new tax or regulation, or sometimes both, on just about every moving part in our healthcare system. There was even a tax on not buying the right kind of insurance—until President Trump and Congress repealed it."

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"The Trump Administration's first instincts are the opposite of the big-government nightmare President Reagan described. If something in our healthcare system isn't working, we'll see if there's a regulation in the way. If prices are high, we'll see if there's a tax involved. If prices keep rising, we'll see if there's a subsidy driving them."

…

"Today, I want to talk about how these principles apply to a few of the priorities I have laid out for HHS under President Trump: first, reforming the individual market for insurance; second, bringing down the high price of prescription drugs; and third, transforming our health system into one that pays for value."

…

The event will be livestreamed here: https://www.heritage.org/event/the-importance-free-market-principles-american-healthcare

We will post the Secretary's full remarks, as prepared for delivery at approximately 11:00 AM ET here: https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/secretary/speeches/index.html

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

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****Questions regarding event logistics and media attendance should be directed to Marguerite Bowling at marguerite.bowling@heritage.org****

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Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

October 23, 2018

Ms. Katie O'Connor
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Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the third interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.

2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.

3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:
    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
    d. @c-fam.org
    e. @nrlc.org
    f. @adflegal.org
    g. @legalworks.com
    h. @kofc.org

4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged

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between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 465 pages of responsive records responsive in part to Item 1 above. Thirty-five pages were sent for consultation.

Some of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

The exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes predecisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff and contractors about management of ORR programs and/or individual children and sensitive communications between agency staff seeking legal advice and counsel on policy and other matters.

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identity and/or other private information of private individuals and/or the identities of federal employees in sensitive positions and the work cell phones of federal employees. The withheld information also includes the locations of shelters housing vulnerable unaccompanied children and refugee centers. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In particular, disclosing the locations of shelters subject the children to unwanted publicity and harassment. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government.

Sincerely yours,

Celeste Smith
Acting FOIA Officer
Administration for Children and Families

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Subject:	RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination
Date:	2017/04/10 15:59:21
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Scott,

It was confirmed to me this afternoon that the UC was discharged on Sunday to her sponsor.

Jonathan

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Scott,

She was scheduled to be discharged to sponsor on Saturday. I have an email inquiry out to confirm that she has been released and joined her family. I will advise when I know for certain, which I expect to be this morning.

Jonathan

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:57:57 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

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Jonathan, any updates on this case?

Thank you,
Scott

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Great, I will let the staff asking me know. Thank you for the prompt reply.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 4:31 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Yes-- they were going to a CPC site today and we're going to proceed to discharge according to my understanding.

Thank you,
Scott

On: 04 April 2017 16:06, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:
Scott,

Were you able to speak with the pregnant girl at the SWK site (b)(6)? And if so, are we green-lighted to proceed with her discharge?

Jonathan

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2017 8:48 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Thx Jonathan. I'll be in the office Monday and half of Tuesday.

On: 01 April 2017 16:47, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:
Scott,

I haven't heard from the field yet--which makes me think we are looking at Monday.

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I'll connect with Laura on your schedule for Monday. If memory serves, you're on the road then?

At all events, please let me know anything else you may need this weekend. I am working on a couple other pieces including next steps on juvenile justice approaches.

Jonathan

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2017 5:52:08 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Jonathan,

Thank you. Sounds like an honest mistake.

(b)(5)

Let me know.

Thank you,
Scott

On: 01 April 2017 00:18, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

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Scott,

See Arizona FFS Supervisor response below. When we spoke on the phone, she indicated that she had thought Adelante "is part of CPC"--it appears that a *different* CPC (Chicanos por la Casa) is a major network of Spanish-language health and social services providers in AZ.

We can talk in the morning if that's helpful.

Jonathan

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From: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 9:25:10 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Swartz, Tricia (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Dear Jonathan,

I just got off the phone with SWK Program Director Reina Cossio. I was informed that the program did not thoroughly read and understood the directives given to them to take the UC to CPC. Instead the program took the UC to their regular provider Adelante Health Care. I was not aware that the program did not follow the directive as given until now as I also thought that Adelante Helth Care was a network of CPC. I requested a response from the program to explain why the directive to take the UC to CPC was not followed.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks Ivonne
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Ivonne Velazquez, LCSW

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF)
Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Swartz, Tricia (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination
Importance: High

Ivonne,

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I'd appreciate any updates we can get on this.

Jonathan

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Cc: Misegades, Lara (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); Swartz, Tricia (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Ivonne and Michael,

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I am writing to provide follow-up guidance from HHS Policy Team on the UC at SWK Casa Las Palmas who has requested abortion services (b)(6) A#(b)(6).

Please see guidance below from Scott Lloyd. It covers next steps. Please let me know if you have any questions but please communicate with the medical provider and management of the shelter regarding these next steps. Don't hesitate to let me know any questions and please have SWK continue to update as plan elements are implemented. (b)(5)

Thank you.

Jonathan

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:21 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Jonathan,

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We'll work on formalizing these procedures, but we'll have to do it ad hoc for now.

Thank you,
Scott

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: RE: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Mesa, Arizona. Just arrived in Switzer so I can get into encrypted comms now.

UC is (b)(6) A# (b)(6)

Attached is the SIR received.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:00 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: Re: Heads up: UC requesting pregnancy termination

Thank you.

Which state is this?

Also her UC portal# ?

Scott

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On: 23 March 2017 08:36, "White, Jonathan (ACF)" <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Scott,

Last night after midnight we received word that a UC at SWK Casa Las Palmas has requested abortion services. I don't have other details yet; should have those shortly but wanted to provide heads up. I am informed this is not the same UC as in earlier advisory.

Will get more information; standing by to receive guidance re next steps.

Jonathan

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Scott,
Attached, please find the Repatriation MOU between ACF and ASPR. In addition, please find an electronic copy of the HHS National Emergency Repatriation Plan (NERP), Base Plan, and NERP Operational Guide. Attachments are not included.

A binder will be provided with all these documents.

Best,
Elizabeth

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I have attached this week's litigation update.

In UC litigation, in *ACLU v Price* (family planning case), the judge reset the motion hearing to 4/27/17.

In refugee litigation, in *Alabama*, oral argument has been set for 5/18/17 in Atlanta, Ga. The *Oregon* case has been added to the tracker.

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Scott,
I think this is the most helpful – it's the first amended complaint, which added trafficking to the case. I can also send the original and our reply briefs.
AnnaMaire

From: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Chon, Katherine (ACF); Hightower, Carolyn (ACF)
Cc: Lee, Gia (OS/OGC); Keith, Robert (HHS/OGC); Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC); Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR); Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
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- Judy Haron -
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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:12 PM
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Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) @aclunc.org) <(b)(6) @aclunc.org>; (b)(6) <(b)(6) @aclu.org>
Subject: ACLU v. Burwell amended complaint

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Peter – attached please find a redline of our proposed first amended complaint. Please let us know the government's position on our motion to amend the complaint, which we hope to file in the next few days or so.

Best,
Brigitte

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From: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
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To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR)
Cc: Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC)
Subject: ACLU v. Burwell

Anna Marie, Toby, and Victor.

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Thank you and do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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Subject:	FW: draft answer, ACLU v. Burwell
Date:	2017/04/18 07:45:53
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

And here's the draft answer to the amended complaint. (I'll stop sending now.) I think the best doc to review is the amended complaint.

From: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR); Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Chon, Katherine (ACF)
Cc: Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC); Palacios, Caitlin (HHS/OGC)
Subject: draft answer, ACLU v. Burwell

ORR and OTIP, attached please find our draft answer to the amended complaint in ACLU v. Burwell (attached).

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Subject:	Pregnancy Policy
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I have attached a first draft of the pregnancy policy to see if this is going in the right direction. A few things to note:

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Date:	2017/04/27 13:20:47
Priority:	Normal
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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

In UC litigation: in *ACLU v Price* (family planning), Brian Hauss withdrew as counsel for ACLU, and there was a Stipulated Protective Order regarding disclosure and discovery activity; in *SV* (damages action against DHS), a Settlement Order was filed on 4/26 with joint stipulation for dismissal due by 6/26; in *JLM* (habeas case of the UAC who was repatriated), the order dismissing the case was filed 4/20.

In refugee litigation: in the Indiana case, there was a 4/25 Scheduling Order, setting a status conference for 5/16; in the Oregon case, on 4/26, the Defendants (including HHS) filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint.

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Subject:	RE: Overdue - Comments to OGA
Date:	2017/04/27 17:05:52
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hi Laura-They are looking for comments on the attached. Should this go to Anna Marie and Tricia?

From: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR)
Cc: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Overdue - Comments to OGA

Brian- can you let us know what this request is?

From: Barlow, Amanda (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Chon, Katherine (ACF)
Cc: Hightower, Carolyn (ACF); Cottingham, Kenneth (ACF); Mella, Emily (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Overdue - Comments to OGA

Scott and Katherine,

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Thanks!

Amanda

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Date:	2017/05/02 12:28:59
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Priority:	Urgent
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All,
Our section of the attached FY 2017 approps bill is located on pages 976 and 977 of the attached document. (b)(5)

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Once the bill is signed, I will update our ORR Program File with the FY 2017 enacted level and send to all Division/Program Directors.

Joann Simmons
Director
Division of Budget and Data Analysis
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services
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From: Jones, Robin (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Simmons, Joann (ACF)
Subject: FY 17 Approps Bill released

Attached is the FY17 approps bill we expect Congress to pass this week.

Robin

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Subject:	FW: Revised interrogatories and RFAs
Date:	2017/05/03 09:00:05
Priority:	Normal
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Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 8:36 AM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR); Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Cc: Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Palacios, Caitlin (HHS/OGC)
Subject: FW: Revised interrogatories and RFAs

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From: Phipps, Peter (CIV) [mailto:Peter.Phipps@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 1:18 AM
To: Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC); Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC); Palacios, Caitlin (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Grogg, Adam A. (CIV)
Subject: Revised interrogatories and RFAs

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Sincerely,
Peter

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Date:	2017/05/04 12:42:03
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I have attached this week's litigation update.

Summary:

> **UAC litigation**. In *ACLU v Price* (family planning), on 4/28 the court denied the government's motion to transfer the case to the District Court for the District of Columbia. In *OGLS* (habeas), the judge granted the government's motion to seal its response brief and accompanying exhibits.
>
> **Refugee litigation**. In *Tennessee*, various affidavits of service for the Summons and Complaint on the parties were filed. In *Oregon*, the judge granted the government's unopposed motion for extension of time to respond to the complaint (a response is now due by 6/27/17).

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Subject:	FW: Statutory Authorities
Date:	2017/05/11 16:17:55
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hi Sarah,
Here are the refugee authorities for Scott's binder.
AnnaMarie

From: Schmalz, Jennifer (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Subject: RE: Statutory Authorities

Statutory
The Refugee Act of 1980 (8 U.S.C. 1522)
The Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L 96-422)
Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(1)(C))
Trafficking Victims Protection and Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1232 (d)(4))
8 USC 1157 note
8 USC 1101 note

Regulatory
45 CFR Part 400 and 401
45 CFR Part 402

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Schmalz, Jennifer (ACF)
Subject: FW: Statutory Authorities

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)

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Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF); Lucas, Sarah (ACF) (CTR); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Statutory Authorities

AnnaMarie,

Ken may have reached out to you, but I thought I would send a quick note:

I was hoping that you could provide a list of statutory / regulatory authorities for the refugee side of the house so that Sarah can compile a binder. The UAC binder has been very helpful.

Thank you,
Scott

***
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Subject:	California Continuum of Care Reforms
Date:	2017/05/16 14:41:57
Priority:	Normal
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Dear Guests,

Thank you for visiting our program today. As promised, I have attached a copy of the legislative report highlighting California child welfare reforms recommended under Assembly Bill 403. Despite these changes, State Licensing has affirmed BCFS will retain license as a Group Home. However, we can also apply to operate a Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) should the opportunity present itself. A program of this type would certainly meet a need for the network at large.

Respectfully,

Kelly

P.S. I have also attached a copy of the Interim Standards specific to the operation of a STRTP.

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Priority:	Normal
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Mr. Lloyd,

Below is the requested information regarding pregnancy notifications. The date range is from May 12-19, 2017.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on May 18, 2017 to SWK Hacienda del Sol was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam. Child report pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and was evaluated on 5/19 and determined to be 13 weeks gestation via ultrasound. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on May 16, 2017, to BCFS San Antonio TFC in San Antonio TX, was reported to be 7-8 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 24 yo male in COO. FOC was reported by UAC to be aggressive and having a short temper. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 17. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and is continuing routine prenatal care. Minor does have a mental health history. UAC reported that at mother and uncle made her consume an herbal remedy to abort the pregnancy. UAC reported intermittent prenatal care in COO but was taking prenatal vitamins. OB evaluation is pending at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

- 16 yo UAC, admitted on May 16, 2017 to Youth for Tomorrow in Bristow, VA, reported to be 2 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 20 yo male in COO. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 16, 2017. DHUC is following up with the program to determine the current clinical plan for the UAC. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

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- 16 yo UAC, admitted on May 12, 2017 to SWK Lemon Grove was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam (5/15) despite child reporting sexual activity. Child's pregnancy was confirmed via serum pregnancy test on 5/16. Child eventually reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and was evaluated on 5/19 and determined to be 10 weeks gestation via hCG levels. An ultrasound is scheduled for 5/23 and a follow-up evaluation by OBGYN on 6/16. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

UPDATE on Prior Pregnancy Notifications:

- 15 yo UAC, admitted on May 13, 2017 to Crittenton Shelter in Fullerton, CA was reported to be 34 weeks gestation. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 22 yo male in COO. FOC was reported by UAC to be physically abusive and threatened UAC and unborn child. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 12. The child was referred to OB/GYN services and is continuing routine prenatal care. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time.

- 15 yo UAC, admitted on May 4, 2017 to Heartland International Childrens Center in Chicago, IL, was reported to be 6 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of a consensual sexual relationship to a 17 yo male in COO. UAC reported living with FOC for the past 2 years and that both sets of parents are aware of the pregnancy. Report indicates both UAC and FOC were planning a family for the past year. Child received OB/GYN services in COO approximately 1 month prior. UAC was referred to OB services and is continuing routine prenatal care. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

- Previously reported (May 12) 16 yo UAC at SKW Casa Franklin was reported to have continuous cramping and was transported to the local ED for evaluation on May 17. Patient was discharged and followed up with OB services. Patient had an ultrasound indicating the pregnancy to be at 5 week gestation and reported have unknown viability (per SIR). Physician recommended the importance that minor be checking to see if she noticed any spotting and if so to return to the ER as soon as possible. UAC will continue with prenatal vitamins and Tylenol as needed, if minor has vaginal bleeding or severe pelvic pain she will need to return to the ER, she is not allowed to do sports.

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All,
Attached please find a copy of the FY 2018 President's Budget Request. If you have any questions about the Refugee and Entrant Assistance Chapter, please let me know. Our chapter begins on page 171 of the document.

I would like to point out that the proposed Appropriation Language for our account includes new language for the UAC program:

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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

In UAC litigation, Scott Lloyd replaced Ken Tota as a party in *OGLS* on 5/25. (Congratulations Ken. Sorry Scott.)

In refugee litigation, we had no substantive updates.

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Hi Scott and Jonathan,

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Cc: Misegades, Lara (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Pregnancy Notification May 20-26, 2017

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
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Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Pregnancy Notification May 20-26, 2017

Thank you, Michael.

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Mr. Lloyd,

Below is the requested information regarding pregnancy notifications. The date range is from May 20-26, 2017.

16 yo UAC, admitted on May 22, 2017 to SWK Casa Phoenix was screen positive for pregnancy during the initial medical exam. Child report pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations with a 19 yo male in COO. UAC reported that she was approximately 24 weeks pregnant. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child is being referred to OB/GYN services and was started on prenatal vitamins. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

UPDATE on Prior Pregnancy Notifications:

16 yo UAC, admitted on May 16, 2017 to Youth for Tomorrow in Bristow, VA, reported to be 2 months pregnant. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations however to a 20 yo male in COO. DHUC was informed via Intake notification on May 16, 2017. DHUC is following up with the program to determine the current clinical plan for the UAC. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination. UPDATE: UAC evaluated by OB Services and determined via US to be ~10 weeks pregnant. The child is continuing routine prenatal care. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time.

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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

UAC litigation. In *ACLU v Price* (family planning litigation), the court granted a stipulated revised case management calendar (Discovery completion date is now 10/9/17). In *OGLS*, there was some procedural activity (sealing an exhibit, motion to substitute attorney by government). In *City of Escondido*, the parties agreed to settle, and SWK filed a Notice of Settlement on 5/31.

Refugee litigation. In the Indiana case, the status conference originally set for 6/14, was reset for 7/12.

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Type:	Note

I have attached the weekly litigation update.

UAC litigation. In *OGLS*, the court granted *habeas* on 6/1, and ORR released the youth to his mother. In *City of Escondido*, on 6/1 the court issued an Order confirming the 5/31 settlement agreement.

Refugee litigation. In *Alabama*, Governor Ivey has dropped the appeal of the state's previously dismissed suit. In *Tennessee*, on 6/1, all federal defendants filed Motions to Dismiss (for lack of jurisdiction and for failure to state a claim).

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Subject:	Tasks - MON_DRS ECDC Phoenix, AZ_FY17
Date:	2017/06/09 09:45:50
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note.Microsoft.Workflow

Task assigned by Siraj, Tabassum (ACF) on 6/9/2017.

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To complete this task:
1. Review MON_DRS ECDC Phoenix, AZ_FY17.
2. Perform the specific activities required for this task.
3. Use the **Open this task** button to mark the task as completed. (If you cannot update this task, you might not have access to it.)

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By the way, ASL said that this Q&A set looked really great, and I wanted to make sure I passed on their accolades. Thanks for putting these together.

Elizabeth

From: Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Logan, Scott (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

Thank you, and I hope you feel better!

I noticed Toby and Laura are out. If we have any urgent requests/questions today, I'll make sure to include Jonathan. Hopefully it will be a quiet afternoon…knock on wood.

Thanks again,
Elizabeth

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:11 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF); Logan, Scott (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

Here is the revised final draft with additions/changes based on the OLAB comments. (All – I have had a terrible headache all day. I'm going to sign off for a bit and see if I can shake it.)

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Logan, Scott (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

Anna Marie,

Consulted with the medical team, and I would recommend as the QA bullet, based on the question posed about the three probable or confirmed Zika cases, would be:

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Jonathan

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

Thanks, Scott! Jonathan – (b)(5) . I'll take care of the other three.

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:54 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: RE: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

I've seen a lot of Q&A docs for our UAC hearings and I think this is the best set and really hits the right points/right level of detail! I just had 4 Qs/suggestions in the attached.

I don't know who pulled this together but great job!

Scott Logan
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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Final ORR Draft of Q&A

I have attached the final ORR draft of the Q&A for the June 21 Senate Judiciary hearing.

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Date:	2017/06/19 10:15:28
Priority:	Normal
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Good morning Tom,
See our preliminary comments to the NERP Base Plan. I saved the information in the ASPR/AIR WG portal.
v/r,
Elizabeth

From: Leinberger, Thomas (OS/ASPR/OEM)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Russell, Elizabeth (ACF); Peerbolte, Stacy (OS/ASPR/OEM); Mackay, Thomas (OS/ASPR/OEM); Nurthen, Nancy (OS/ASPR/OEM); Trombley, Dean (OS/ASPR); Hadzibegovic, Diana (OS/ASPR/OEM); Horahan, Kevin (OS/ASPR/OEM); Harvey, Melissa (OS/ASPR/IO); Yue, David (OS/ASPR/OEM); Speth, Sarah (OS/ASPR/OEM); AvilesMendoza, Guillermo (OS/ASPR/OEM)
Cc: Lamana, Joseph (OS/ASPR/OEM); Kuhn-McClain, Tonya (HHS/ASPR/OEM); Vineyard, Michael (OS/ASPR/OEM); Fontenot, Rebecca (OS/ASPR/OEM); Hannah, Jennifer (OS/ASPR/OEM); Buckser, Jeffrey (OS/ASPR/OEM)
Subject: AIR Work Group meeting June 26
Importance: High

AIR Work Group members,

Thank you for your participation at the OEM Directors' meeting on June 14. Elizabeth present a prioritized list to get us toward completed State Emergency Repatriation Plans (SERP). The first item on that list is making sure the National Emergency Repatriation Plan (NERP) is accurate. The below link takes you to the AIR Work Group site where I have posted an interim NERP.
https://asprwg.hhs.gov/aspr/air/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/aspr/air/DocLib1/2017%20NERP%20Base%20Plan%20-%20FINAL%20INTERIM%20DRAFT%20(For%20AIR%20WG%20Review)(170615).

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Please read/review and be prepared to discuss any issues and/or solutions at the next AIR Work Group meeting scheduled for June 26th at 11 AM.

Thank you,
Thomas A. Leinberger, MA, MHA
Director, Division of Planning
Office of Emergency Management
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
Office of the Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
Office: 202-401-2267
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Hi Laura,
Please see attached email search terms from OGC. OGC notes:

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My understanding is that, based on feedback about these terms, (b)(5)

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Thanks,
Victor

From: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Blake, Sebrina (ACF)
Cc: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR)
Subject: Re: Email Search and instructions

Victor- see below. Can you advise re: (b)(5)

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On: 09 June 2017 12:42, "Blake, Sebrina (ACF)" <Sebrina.Blake@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

Laura,

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From: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Blake, Sebrina (ACF)
Cc: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)
Subject: RE: Email Search and instructions

Hi Sebrina,

(b)(5)

Kindly,
Laura Gregg
Special Assistant
Office of the Director

From: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Blake, Sebrina (ACF)
Cc: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)
Subject: Email Search and instructions

Hi Sebrina,

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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Kindly,
Laura Gregg
Special Assistant
Office of the Director

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Subject:	FW: Sen. Judiciary Question
Date:	2017/06/20 15:13:20
Priority:	Normal
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Sarah,

Please print for Scott's hearing binder.

Thanks,
Laura

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: Sen. Judiciary Question

I added these numbers at the end of the post-release section in case it comes up tomorrow.

From: Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Cc: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Logan, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Sen. Judiciary Question

Hi Elizabeth,

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Thanks,
Laura

From: Sohn, Elizabeth (ACF)
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)

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Cc: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Sen. Judiciary Question

Hi AnnaMarie and Laura,

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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From: Fuma, Julia (HHS/OGC)
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Fabian, Sarah B (CIV); Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Andrapalliyal, Vinita B. (CIV)

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Mr. Lloyd,

DHUC was notified of this UAC over the past few days. However, today, I received a call from Dr. (b)(6) indicating that one of the SWK programs has a UAC that will be making a formal request for Termination of Pregnancy (TOP). (b)(6) was looking for guidance to give to the program.

16 yo UAC (b)(6) admitted on June 30, 2017 to SWK Sol was identified by ICE to be pregnant. UAC reports her pregnancy to be ~8 weeks. IME confirms pregnancy with positive urine pregnancy test. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations with a 16 yo male in COO. DHUC was informed of the pregnancy via standard reporting procedures. The child is being referred to OB/GYN services. The UAC made no statement that the pregnancy is a result of sexual abuse or assault. The portal (IME) does indicate the child has had thoughts about not wanting to keep the pregnancy however there is no current documentation/information requesting pregnancy termination until today.

The program is attempting to have the current OB appointment moved up from July 12. Since the program is in the Phoenix area, the SWK program is setting up a spiritual counseling session and a family session for the UAC (similar to what was done with previous TOP requests). (b)(6) did mention the clinicians are looking for input on what information they can provide to the UAC.

Please advise if there is anything further you would like the program to do?

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Thank you.

I will advise the program.

Michael

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(b)(5) Let me know if you need clarification on anything.

Thank you,
Scott

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Hello Michael-

As per our staffing with the program this morning the program will be follow this plan:

1. Q: **Can we confirm that the minor has received options counseling for the pregnancy?**
Please ensure the UC is aware of the option of having spiritual counseling that is sensitive to her religious preference.
If the UC has not had her ultrasound yet, she should do so at the following place: http://www.cpcphoenix.org/ SWK staff should set up a session of options counseling there. The OB appointment w/ Dr. (b)(6) is scheduled for 07/07/2017

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2. Q: **Can we confirm that the sponsor and the minor's parents have been notified of the pregnancy?**
After the options counseling, if the UC still desires the abortion, and it is still within the window for a legal abortion, the UC must obtain parental consent, which will necessitate options counseling with them, plus signed, notarized declaration of consent. The UC should not be meeting with an attorney regarding her termination or otherwise pursuing judicial bypass at this point.

3. Q: **Can we please ensure that resources for pregnancy supports at the destination where the minor is headed are part of the discharge plan?**
Additional information will be add to the discharge packaged with the contact information and details for local support services. Case Manger Department will update the location and CAT of the sponsor today.

We will update you as soon any additional information become available.

Thank you,

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I have attached this week's litigation update.

UAC Litigation. In *AH ("Savaria")*, the District Court for the Northern District of California ordered ORR to provide AH an opportunity to be heard regarding his placement in ORR care, including his custody at the Yolo secure facility; the ORR Director will hold a conference call with the child and his attorneys on 7/7. In *Flores*, on 7/5, the 9th Circuit lifted the stay on the district court's order; as a result, ORR must for now implement bond hearings for all UAC in care. In *ACLU v Price* (family planning litigation), internally, ORR is preparing to submit updated responses to the Request for Production, to be current through 6/30. In *Nash* (FOIA litigation regarding the JRP program), a pretrial conference has been set for 1/2/18, and the ACLU filed a proposed scheduling order on 7/5/17.

Refugee Litigation. In the Indiana case, the case was reassigned to a new judge and the court ordered a status conference to take place 7/10/17. In *Oregon*, the court granted in

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part the defendant's motion for extension of time to file a response to the plaintiff's motion to dismiss; response is due by 8/1/17.

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Dear Toby,
Please pass along the attached letter and supporting documents to Mr. Lloyd from Stephanie Gibbs and me.

Thank you,
Julia

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Stephanie and Julia:

Here is the call-in information for tomorrow's call:

Call in: (b)(6) Participant Access Code (b)(6)

A room and telephone will be available at Yolo. Additionally, an interpreter will be available in person for the call. Yolo has been informed that you will be arriving to speak to your client 30 minutes prior to the call.

Thank you,
Toby

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Toby,

Thank you for sending these along.

Stephanie

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 8:08 PM, Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) <Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov<mailto:Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov>> wrote:
Julia and Stephanie:

Please find attached a case review recommendation from the (b)(6) current placement, along with supporting SIRs and OYAS tool. ORR is currently considering the recommendation that the minor remain in Yolo-Secure.

We are working on the logistics for Friday's teleconference and will update you as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Toby

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To: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Stephanie Gibbs

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I will be out of the office and without access to email for most of the day tomorrow. Please contact me by phone if needed and let us know as soon as possible if you have any more information that ORR will be using in its consideration of this case. My mobile number is 510-(b)(6).

Please let me know as soon as you know where (b)(6 will be participating in the teleconference so that I can join him there. I would like to meet him 30 minutes prior to the meeting with Mr. Lloyd to go over any last

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minute questions. In addition, please be advised that (b)(6) will need an interpreter for this hearing.

Thanks,
Julia

From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) [mailto:Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Stephanie Gibbs <sgibbs@safepassageproject.org<mailto:sgibbs@safepassageproject.org>>; Julia Mass <jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>>
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Stephanie and Julia:

We are scheduling the call for 10am PST/1pm EST. We will provide call in information soon.

Please find attached (b)(6) referral and placement documents used to justify his placement in a secure care provider. As you are aware (b)(6) placement in secure is undergoing review. I anticipate that documents related to the case review will be available later this afternoon. I will forward them as soon as they are available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Toby

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Julia, thank you for taking the lead on this.

Toby, I am also available on Friday, July 7, 2017 at either 10am PST/1pm EST or 11am PST/2pm EST. I'm looking forward to your confirmation on the time and the opportunity to review the evidence in advance of Friday's hearing.

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Thank you kindly.

Best,
Stephanie

On Mon, Jul 3, 2017 at 7:40 PM, Julia Mass <jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>> wrote:
Thank you. Also, in order for us to have sufficient time to review the evidence ORR used and is using to make its custody determination, please share that with us by 10:00 a.m. Pacific/1:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, July 5. If you can't reach me at my office (415-293-6339<tel:(415)%20293-6339>), please call my mobile phone at 510-(b)(6)

Thanks again,

Julia

From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
[mailto:Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov<mailto:Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Julia Mass <jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>>;
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Julia:

I'm working with the Director's assistant to schedule. We'll confirm with you on Wednesday of the exact time. I'm working on the logistics with the program office to have your client available as well. I'll be in touch soon.

-Toby

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Please call me Julia. I am available on Friday. If we make it early in the day, I can arrange to be present with our client at the Yolo Facility or other location in northern California. For this reason, I would prefer to have the call at 10:00 or 11:00 Pacific time.

Thank you,
Julia

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Ms. Mass and Ms. Gibbs:

Are you available for a conference call with the Scott Lloyd the ORR Director, July 7th, 2017 (Friday)? The discussion will cover the information ORR reviews in regards to your client's referral, placement, review of the placement and release assessment, as required by Judge Chhabria. I'm still waiting for that information from the program office and will provide it as soon as it is available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Stephanie Gibbs
Cc: Julia Mass; Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Fuma, Julia (HHS/OGC); Haron, Judith

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Subject: RE: Hearing with ORR

Stephanie and Julia:

Here is the call-in information for tomorrow's call:

Call in: (b)(6) Participant Access Code (b)(6)

A room and telephone will be available at Yolo. Additionally, an interpreter will be available in person for the call. Yolo has been informed that you will be arriving to speak to your client 30 minutes prior to the call.

Thank you,
Toby

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Subject: Re: Hearing with ORR

Toby,

Thank you for sending these along.

Stephanie

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 8:08 PM, Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) <Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov<mailto:Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov>> wrote:
Julia and Stephanie:

Please find attached a case review recommendation from the (b)(6) current placement, along with supporting SIRs and OYAS tool. ORR is currently considering the recommendation that the minor remain in Yolo-Secure.

We are working on the logistics for Friday's teleconference and will update you as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Toby

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From: Julia Mass [mailto:jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF); Stephanie Gibbs

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Subject: RE: Hearing with ORR

I will be out of the office and without access to email for most of the day tomorrow. Please contact me by phone if needed and let us know as soon as possible if you have any more information that ORR will be using in its consideration of this case. My mobile number is 510-(b)(6)

Please let me know as soon as you know where (b)(6) will be participating in the teleconference so that I can join him there. I would like to meet him 30 minutes prior to the meeting with Mr. Lloyd to go over any last minute questions. In addition, please be advised that (b)(6) will need an interpreter for this hearing.

Thanks,
Julia

From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) [mailto:Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Stephanie Gibbs <sgibbs@safepassageproject.org<mailto:sgibbs@safepassageproject.org>>; Julia Mass <jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>>
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Subject: RE: Hearing with ORR

Stephanie and Julia:

We are scheduling the call for 10am PST/1pm EST. We will provide call in information soon.

Please find attached (b)(6) referral and placement documents used to justify his placement in a secure care provider. As you are aware (b)(6) placement in secure is undergoing review. I anticipate that documents related to the case review will be available later this afternoon. I will forward them as soon as they are available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Toby

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Subject: Re: Hearing with ORR

Julia, thank you for taking the lead on this.

Toby, I am also available on Friday, July 7, 2017 at either 10am PST/1pm EST or 11am PST/2pm EST. I'm looking forward to your confirmation on the time and the opportunity to review the evidence in advance of Friday's hearing.

Thank you kindly.

Best,
Stephanie

On Mon, Jul 3, 2017 at 7:40 PM, Julia Mass <jmass@aclunc.org<mailto:jmass@aclunc.org>> wrote:
Thank you. Also, in order for us to have sufficient time to review the evidence ORR used and is using to make its custody determination, please share that with us by 10:00 a.m. Pacific/1:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, July 5. If you can't reach me at my office (415-293-6339<tel:(415)%20293-6339>), please call my mobile phone at 510-385-4214<tel:(510)%20385-4214>.

Thanks again,

Julia

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Julia:

I'm working with the Director's assistant to schedule. We'll confirm with you on Wednesday of the exact time. I'm working on the logistics with the program office to have your client available as well. I'll be in

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touch soon.

-Toby

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Subject: RE: Hearing with ORR

Toby,
Please call me Julia. I am available on Friday. If we make it early in the day, I can arrange to be present with our client at the Yolo Facility or other location in northern California. For this reason, I would prefer to have the call at 10:00 or 11:00 Pacific time.

Thank you,
Julia

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Subject: Hearing with ORR

Ms. Mass and Ms. Gibbs:

Are you available for a conference call with the Scott Lloyd the ORR Director, July 7th, 2017 (Friday)? The discussion will cover the information ORR reviews in regards to your client's referral, placement, review of the placement and release assessment, as required by Judge Chhabria. I'm still waiting for that information from the program office and will provide it as soon as it is available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Toby Biswas

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Thanks, Michael. Will advise if other information is needed.

Jonathan White
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On: 12 July 2017 23:36, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Scott and Jonathan,

This SMR is being prepped for your approval. This SMR is in regards to the following UAC that was reported on last week.

14 yo UAC (b)(6) admitted on June 24, 2017 to SKW Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ was reported by herself to be pregnant. Child stated that she was evaluated by a medical provider in home country and was notified of her pregnancy; however she was never evaluated by OB/GYN. Urine pregnancy was positive during the IME. Child reported the pregnancy was a result of consensual sexual relations with her boyfriend in COO. DHUC was informed via standard reporting procedures. The child is being referred to OB/GYN services. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. The portal does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination. UPDATE: Further information obtained indicated the child had US at the border and was told the fetus did not have a heartbeat however the UAC did not fully understand this. UAC was seen by OB services on 6/29/2017 her pregnancy was confirmed to be approximately 10 weeks. Additionally, the fetus had growth of an 8 week fetus and did not have a heartbeat. UAC is to follow-up with OB in one week. The UAC was advised that she might undergo miscarriage naturally during the interim period.

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UPDATE #2: The UAC had a re-evaluation by OB on 7/6. She continues to have no signs or symptoms of aborting. The clinician has recommended a D&E to avoid any complication or infection. Per SIR reports, the UACs mother was contacted and advised of the clinical situation of her daughter. *"Mother expressed to Clinician that she wants UAC to receive what is medically needed and recommended."*

Password: (b)(6)

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Michael

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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:39 PM
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Cc: Eva Torres
Subject: [WARNING : MESSAGE ENCRYPTED] Casa Phoenix SMPR 1 of 2

Good afternoon Team:
Please review attached form for a needed procedure as recommended by OB/Gyn

Doctor Notes are password encrypted. A separate email will be sent with password.

FYI SMR form is not password encrypted because it was already encrypted by creator of original form.

Thank You,

(b)(6) RMA
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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

UC litigation. In *AH*, the ORR Director decided to step down AH to staff-secure care, and DOJ filed the decision with the court. At the status conference on Wednesday, plaintiffs announced that they would amend their complaint and add APA and constitutional claims. They have until August 11. In *Nash*, the court issued a scheduling order and granted the federal defendants' unopposed motion to extend the deadline for completing settlement negotiations by one week. The deadline is now 7/18. In the *ACLU* case, IT was unable to complete an email search, and ORR staff will likely need to produce their emails to update the discovery for April through June.

Refugee litigation. There were no significant updates to refugee litigation this week.

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Date:	2017/07/24 13:34:38
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Scott:

See attached.

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Toby

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Subject: Requests from Steve
Importance: High

I need a copy of the Flores implementation reg and the PREA reg in whatever shape they are in at this point. Steve asked for drafts.

Thank you,
Scott

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Children, Youth & Families

Child welfare ideas from the experts #4: A national foster youth taxonomy *(featuring ACF)*
This taxonomy would also improve the federal understanding of what's happening with foster youth, writes Rodgers. The Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) collects placement and demographic information, and the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System monitors the nature of maltreatment reports and substantiation.
Analysis
Chronicle of Social Change, CA
July 25, 2017

Teen pregnancy program abruptly loses millions from feds
A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Human Services told VTDigger that a policy statement allows an agency to discontinue a grant "because continued funding would not be in the best interests of the federal government."
VT Digger, VT
July 24, 2017

Texas had a teen pregnancy crisis — even before Trump started slashing funding
Leaders here recognize what a serious problem this is. Teen pregnancy is linked to poverty, and when it is concentrated in certain ZIP codes, it becomes a driver of entrenched neighborhood poverty.
Editorial
Dallas Morning News, TX
July 24, 2017

New attitudes toward adoption from foster care offer hope
Choosing to adopt through the foster care system means accepting that the process, and sometimes the outcome, can be uncertain. Bureaucratic procedures vary from state to state and even county to county, but the practice of concurrent planning, which places children with potential adoptive families before the termination of parental rights, is standard.
Perspective
Washington Post, DC

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In past decade, foster care-adoption gains popularity while private adoption's rep takes hit
There are also some noteworthy increases in which Americans are considering adoption. Trends in education and income demographics suggest a "donut-hole" effect.
Analysis
Chronicle of Social Change, CA
July 24, 2017

Child Support

Cruz blasts AG
First, allowing the statute of limitations to expire to select a Special Prosecutor to investigate the Governor for his illegal issuance of retroactive bonus pay to his employees in 2014, second, remaining silent when government officials took money from the Child Support Enforcement Fund, and lastly, willfully exploiting her office to benefit her employees and then deceiving the legislature to do so.
KUAM, Guam
July 24, 2017

Community Services

Americans: Getting by, but not getting ahead *(featuring ACF)*
For instance, Prosperity Now notes that in 2017, Congress "gutted" the federally-supported Assets for Independence anti-poverty program. This little-known, 19-year-old program, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has helped low- and moderate-income families save to buy a home, pay for college or start or expand a business by matching a portion of the money they've put aside.
Opinion
Next Avenue, MN
July 25, 2017

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Family Assistance

District does an about-face on welfare reform with decision to keep helping long-term recipients *(featuring ACF)*
Under the city's recently enacted budget for the next fiscal year, not only will long-term welfare clients continue to receive monthly payments, they eventually will get substantial increases in benefits after enduring incremental reductions over the past several years.
Washington Post, DC
July 24, 2017

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Cash assistance cases still above pre-recession levels *(featuring ACF)*
The number of Oregonians receiving federal cash assistance remains higher than it was at the start of the Great Recession, but state analysts expect the number to shrink to pre-recession levels by early 2019.

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Portland Tribune, OR
July 24, 2017

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Head Start

SMILE holds first of three meetings on Head Start *(featuring ACF)*
The first of three SMILE parent meetings this week is underway. SMILE is holding the meetings to talk to parents about the future of its Head Start and Early Head Start schools. Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has terminated the SMILE Community Action Agency's Head Start grant.
KATC, LA
July 24, 2017

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Helping expectant and new mothers can lead to health and education gains for children, new paper says
A new paper released Monday identifies health and educational benefits for children whose mothers participated in a home visitation program that provides medical assistance and early childhood development. The Nurse-Family Partnership program begins in prenatal stages and ends when the child turns 2. The program offers care to disadvantaged, first-time and single mothers. Registered nurses visit the women's homes and assist both with medical needs and early education.
Chalkbeat, NY
July 24, 2017

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Refugee Resettlement

Trump will resettle Australia's refugees next year
The Trump Administration will resettle foreign refugees from the Middle East that are currently in detention centers in Australia. Despite previous reports that Trump would cancel the Australian refugee deal, the President is going through with the plan, but the refugees will be admitted in the next Fiscal Year, noted by the Center for Immigration Studies, as the 50,000 cap for Fiscal Year 2017 has already been reached.
Breitbart News, CA
July 25, 2017

As refugee admissions slow, where does LSS sit amid travel bans and court rulings?
"So I would describe it as almost a roller coaster of changes," said Shirley Dykshoorn, one of several Vice Presidents at Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. "The uncertainty affects the staff and the funding levels will affect what we're able to do going forward. So we just take it a day at a time because certainly in the last few months there have been lots of changes," explained Shirley Dykshoorn. What looms now for the agency is a biennium study approved by the North Dakota legislature wherein the refugee resettlement program and its effects will be looked at. LSS says they have not laid any staff off within the resettlement program at this time.
KVLY, ND
July 24, 2017

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State revolts against feds: No more refugees!
Of all the recent state lawsuits filed against the federal government's refugee resettlement program, which annually distributes tens of thousands of Third World migrants to more than 300 U.S. cities and towns, the one filed by Tennessee might be the most significant. Tennessee attacks the program at its core, challenging the federal government's self-proclaimed right to secretly plant foreign nationals of its own choosing – and the choosing of the United Nations – into U.S. cities and towns. Tennessee contends this is a blatant violation of the 10th Amendment and an unconstitutional infringement on state sovereignty.
Opinion
World Net Daily, DC
July 24, 2017

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Trafficking

Trafficking, 'monstrous form of modern slavery,' killed immigrants in Texas
"It" is a mass murder and it did not begin with a desperate request for water. It began with a broken immigration system that is navigated by heartless people who traffic in human beings, turning tractor-trailers into 21st century equivalents of slave ships. while the human traffickers bear the immediate responsibility for this horrible crime, our nation bears a mediate responsibility as well. Comprehensive immigration reform would not eliminate all smuggling, even the smuggling of human beings. But, it would help.
Opinion
National Catholic Reporter, MO
July 25, 2017

Labor trafficking, exposed in Walmart parking lot, is one of the world's most underreported crimes
Three out of every 1,000 people in the world are held in slavery. They are the victims of human trafficking, at once one of the world's most high-profile and under-reported crimes. Over the weekend authorities announced deaths of nine people who were found, along with approximately 30 others, locked in a truck outside of a San Antonio Walmart. According to law enforcement all were victims of a human smuggling ring with suspected links to labor trafficking. These victims are the tip of a very large iceberg. Human trafficking is not a problem for the developing world or a niche issue. It is real and it affects hundreds of thousands of people right here in the United States.
Street, NY
July 25, 2017

There are thousands of human trafficking victims each year. Here's how you can help.
Thousands of people fall victim to human trafficking across the globe each year, and the number of reported cases in the U.S. is on the rise, human rights groups say. The latest trafficking tragedy occurred over the weekend when authorities in Texas found a tractor-trailer at a Walmart parking lot packed with more than two-dozen immigrants. Ten of the passengers have died in what San Antonio Police Chief William McManus called a "horrific" human-trafficking crime.
Time, NY
July 24, 2017

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Unaccompanied Children

Feds arrest Memphis immigrants in Sunday 'surge', outraging activists

The arrests were part of a "surge" targeting "family units, adults who entered the U.S. as unaccompanied alien children (UAC), and UACs who are at least 16 years old and have criminal histories and/or suspected gang ties," according to a statement released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regional spokesman Thomas Byrd. ICE will announce the number of arrests following the surge, Byrd said. He declined to offer more details about the surge or how long it would last. “Attempting to unlawfully enter the United States as a family unit or UAC does not protect individuals from being subject to the immigration laws of this country," Byrd stated.

Memphis Commercial Appeal, TN
July 24, 2017

Spotlight: New York killings underscore US problem with violent gangs

The UAC rule was intended initially to help young children who came over the border without their parents. But the majority of UACs were not small children, but rather 14-15-year-old teenagers, some belonging to gangs - such as MS-13 - and some having already committed crimes, even murders, on behalf of the gang, Telford said. Previously, the policy of detainment served as a deterrent to those entering illegally, but during the Obama years, the lenient approach toward UACs prompted a surge in young illegal immigrants in the United States, Telford said.

Xinhua News, China
July 24, 2 017

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I've added a section on TOP. I left in your earlier comments, and the new info is in track changes. I think (b)(5)

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AnnaMarie,

As discussed earlier.

Scott

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:34 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Subject: FW: Bond hearing next week - FW: Time-sensitive: (b)(6)

Just sent forward.

Good night.

-Toby

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From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Bond hearing next week - FW: Time-sensitive: (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Good evening. Please see attached HHS submission per Judge Bryant's order. We note that this required submission to be outside the scope of the *Flores* decision but are submitting in compliance with the order.

Thank you,
Toby

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From: (b)(6) @caircoalition.org]
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To: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Cc: (b)(6) @caircoalition.org; Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC); Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR); Mansilla, Jessie (ACF); Fink, David (ACF)
Subject: Re: Bond hearing next week - FW: Time-sensitive: Emmanuel (501)

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for alerting us to the process for requesting the home study, and for emailing a copy of the motion. I received the physical copy today, but it included several blank pages.

Please see attached a scanned copy of Respondent's Opposition Motion. I have also mailed a copy, which you should receive tomorrow morning. It is our position that the youth's impending birthday does not justify a delay, or undermine the necessity for the hearing.

Best,
(b)(6)

On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 1:49 PM, Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) <Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
(b)(6) :

The subject of the home study is the potential sponsor not the UAC. You need the potential sponsor's consent to the home study. This requires a separate *Authorization for Release of Records* with the potential sponsor as the "subject" of the records per the form.

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Additionally, HHS is filing a motion for a continuance with the immigration court this afternoon. We have mailed the motion to you (b)(6) (see attached). It is our position that the government's interest would better be represented by DHS as the youth is aging out the day after the hearing at which point he would be transferred to DHS custody.

Thanks,
Toby

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Subject: Re: Bond hearing next week - FW: Time-sensitive: (b)(6)

Hello,

Thank you for your quick response. We did receive the subject child's permission to receive the home study as part of our ORR file request but it appears that the report, along with any significant incident reports, were omitted from the file we received.

The immigration judge granted the hearing for July 26th at 4 pm in order to provide ORR appropriate notice of the child's intent to request a review of his current placement. As you mentioned, this is a new process for us as well and we understand that all parties are figuring out the best way to proceed. We made the request because our client wishes to have the opportunity to present his experience to the immigration judge even though the hearing is right before his 18th birthday.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and my colleague Karine Noncent cc'ed here, she will be handling the hearing on Wednesday.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

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On Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 7:31 AM, Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) <Toby.Biswas@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
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(b)(6) 's out office listed you as her point of contact. See below.

Thanks,
Toby

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Subject: FW: Bond hearing next week - FW: Time-sensitive: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Good evening. I received your email below from Jessie. As you noted this is a new process for all parties involved so thank you for your patience. At this time Judith (Judy) Haron and I will be representing HHS in this matter. We are trying to determine the appropriateness of a bond hearing involving HHS as a party when the youth will age out of HHS custody the day after the planned hearing.

As for the question about the Home Study report, did you receive the subject of the home study's permission for the home study when you submitted your *Authorization for Release of Records*?

Thanks,
Toby

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From: (b)(6) @caircoalition.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Mansilla, Jessie (ACF)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Time-sensitive: (b)(6)

Dear Jessie,

(b)(6), who is presently at Shenandoah, is scheduled for a Flores custody redetermination hearing on 07/26/17 at 4pm. At the hearing, (b)(6) entered appearance on (b)(6)'s behalf and was told by DHS that ORR will be appearing on the 26th, and not ICE. As this type of hearing is very new, we are following up with two questions and a logistical request.

Could you please advise who in ORR will be the point of contact for the hearing? We'd like to coordinate with that person to ensure that the hearing (which is at the end of the day on the 26th) is an efficient and child-friendly forum. Judge Bryant and DHS were unaware who would appear on ORR's behalf.

Additionally, we made an ORR file request for (b)(6)'s whole file, including his Home Study. Unfortunately, the files we received in reply did not include the Home Study Report. (I attached our request and response.) Could you please share it with my colleague (b)(6) CC'd?

Last, we'd like to request that (b)(6) appear in person to his hearing on the 26th. The hearing is scheduled as an individual hearing, and could last up to two hours. As customary with these individual hearings, we ask that (b)(6) appear in his own clothes, and without soft or hard restraints.

Thank you,

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Hi Scott,

This is the first of the two clearances that I just mentioned, Exec Sec would like our response by noon. Policy had no comment. Do you have any comments on the attached docuemnts?

Best,

Brian

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Children, Youth & Families

Coming into Focus: States can and must ensure school stability for youth in foster care
One of the most exciting recent developments in the field came in December 2015, when Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA"), which includes provisions about child welfare and education agencies' responsibility to ensure and prioritize school stability for all children and youth in foster care.
Opinion
Chronicle of Social Change, CA
Aug. 15, 2017

Number of Montana kids in foster care sets record, homes for less than one in three
In 2015, the number of children in Montana's foster care system had spiked to an all-time high, but new number released last week show things are even worse today.
KGVO, MT
Aug. 14, 2017

Some Louisiana foster parents could present danger to kids
An audit of the state's foster care program unveiled some surprising shortcomings. Karen Leblanc with the legislative auditor's office says they found not all foster care providers had the required criminal background checks. They either had no check, or they were not completed in a timely manner.
WWL, LA
Aug. 14, 2017

Foster child says she reported abuse of grace packer years before her murder
The woman who spoke to NBC10 Monday is the third person who claimed they witnessed Grace Packer being abused and reported it to the Impact Project, a foster care agency.
WCAU, PA
Aug. 14, 2017

Supply of foster homes doesn't meet demand for Sacramento youth

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

The stakes are high. Among children who 'age out' of foster care, by age 22, more than 65 percent of young women are pregnant or have had a child; more than half are homeless, imprisoned or dead; and more than half haven't completed high school, Herne said.
Opinion
KXTV, CA
Aug. 14, 2017

Stop putting PC ideology before the needs of foster kids
It's surely true that not everyone is fit to take in a child who has been abused, neglected or abandoned. Yet instead of focusing on real issues of child safety, they're pushing their own social agenda.
Opinion
New York Post, NY
Aug. 14, 2017

Abstinence-only sex ed gets an amen from Trump, N.J. congressman
In New Jersey, teen births declined about 37 percent from 2011 to 2015. The downward trend is not because teens are having less sex, studies show; it's because they are using more contraceptives. Which is a goal of these programs: to teach not just about abstinence, but also safe sex and sexually-transmitted diseases.
Editorial
Newark Star-Ledger, NJ
Aug. 14, 2017

Data will help DSS guide families
According to N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, the system being developed will keep foster and other vulnerable children safer by centralizing information in a statewide repository, reducing paperwork and streamlining the flow of information between county social services departments.
Richmond County Daily Journal, NC
Aug. 14, 2017

Democrats blast President Donald Trump for defunding Planned Parenthood sex-ed programs
The Trump administration is scaling back funding for a sex education program that started in 2010 under President Obama. The 81 Teen Pregnancy Prevention grantees were supposed to receive $200 million through 2020, but were informed by the Department of Health and Human Services last month that the money would dry up in June 2018.
Opinion
Life News, NY
Aug. 14, 2017

Why are there more maternal deaths in the U.S. than in other advanced nation?
Prospects are grim for improving health outcomes for pregnant women and those in childbirth because of the Trump administration's $213 million in cuts for teen pregnancy programs, combined with efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, where more low-income women receive contraceptive and prenatal care than abortions.

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Editorial
St. Louis Dispatch, MO
Aug. 13, 2017

Child Support

Onslow child support takes proactive approach

The name outside the building of the child support office serving Onslow County says a lot about the work that goes on inside. The word enforcement is no longer part of the agency title, Child Support Services of North Carolina. Enforcement of child support orders is only part of what they do and Onslow County Project Manager Tammy Pearson wants community members to know their doors are open to anyone who needs assistance with a child support issue.
Jacksonville Daily News, NC
Aug.15, 2017

Butler County child support offering amnesty program

In honor of Child Support Awareness Month, which is in August, the CSEA is offering parents an opportunity to get their driver's licenses back by paying one month of support instead of the normal requirement of three months.
Hamilton Journal-News, OH
Aug.15, 2017

Onslow Child Support Services helping send kids back to school

August is National Child Support Awareness Month and as part of their outreach efforts the office's staff has taken on a project to help local children get ready for their return to school. A table full of school supplies and backpacks sits at the entrance of the room where case specialists work; all the items collected and ready to be distributed as part of the Backpacks to School project.
Jacksonville Daily News, NC
Aug.15, 2017

New child support guidelines effective September 15, 2017

New child support guidelines have been issued by Chief Justice Paula Carey, which go into effect on September 15, 2017. The new guidelines apply to all child support orders issued after that date.
JD Supra, CA
Aug.14, 2017

AG Hood recognizes Child Support Awareness Month

The goal of the month is to focus on informing families on the services dedicated to helping children receive support from both parents. Government agencies and non-profits from all over the United States are participating in the national month of recognition.
WJTV, MS
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Community Services

More than 200 attend conference to learn about issues facing seniors *(featuring ACF)*
Casey said the current proposed federal budget call for cuts to key programs and elimination of others, such as Meals on Wheels, Community Development Block Grants, and LIHEAP — the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader, PA
Aug. 14, 2017

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Family Assistance

Perdue cites data on immigrant households benefiting from social welfare programs
(featuring ACF)
Using data from the Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation, the study found that in 2012, 51 percent of immigrant-headed households (living here legally or illegally) reported having used at least one welfare program during the year, compared with 30 percent of native-born households. The study factored in the following programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Women, Infants, and Children food program (WIC); free or subsidized school lunches; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, previously known as the Food Stamp program); Medicaid, and public housing and rent subsidies.
Opinion
Politifact, DC
Aug. 14, 2017

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Head Start

NASD receives state funding for Head Start, pre-k programs *(featuring ACF)*
Northampton Area School District has received approval and funding for a Head Start and two pre-kindergarten programs. District Superintendent Joseph Kovalchik informed the school board at Monday evening's meeting the Head Start and two pre-kindergarten programs will cost the district nothing.
WFMZ, PA
Aug. 15, 2015

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More funding needed to expand Head Start program *(featuring ACF)*
If local and national elected officials truly cared about the quality of public education, they would work to find the money and other resources needed to expand the Head Start Program.
Opinion
Pacific Daily News, Guam
Aug. 14, 2017

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Refugee Resettlement

Within 7 years, refugees are self-sufficient and contributing to the US , on average
How well do refugees integrate into local U.S. communities? Are they an economic burden or boon? We examined these questions for refugees resettled in the city of Philadelphia between

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2000 and 2015. Our findings suggest that within a handful of years after arriving, quite a few refugees are doing as well as or perhaps better than the average Philadelphian, according to basic economic indicators. Within seven years, refugees reach a higher median income and lower use of food stamps than their neighbors. They develop language competency fairly quickly, and remain active in the workforce, buoying the local economy.
Analysis
Washington Post, DC
Aug. 15, 2017

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Trafficking

Sex traffickers use social media to trick aspiring models, experts say
An estimated 20.9 million people are currently "trapped in jobs into which they were coerced or deceived and which they cannot leave," according to the International Labor Organization's Global Estimate of Forced Labor. And, sadly, predators of young women are finding it easier than ever to capture their prey, thanks to social media apps like Instagram that models use to promote their careers.
Fox News, NY
Aug. 15, 2017

Training doctors, nurses to identify human trafficking victims
The Attorney General's Office says many human trafficking victims interact with doctors and nurses while they're being trafficked, so they got Wayne State University's School of Medicine and the Wayne County Medical Society on board to create the training video. It's intended to explain the crime, teach them how to approach a potential victim and get the victim help. The 3rd District created a Human Trafficking Task Force a little over six to eight months ago. Since then, they've been working to train employees at the hospitals in Genesee and Shiawasee counties.
WJRT, MI
Aug. 14, 2017

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Is your teen at risk for human trafficking?
The Modesto Police Department advises families to be alert to a different kind of "traffic" risk: human trafficking. The department joined with the Modesto-based nonprofit organization Without Permission to produce a video that notes a rise in high school-age victims and provides parents with "tools and advice" to protect their children.
Modesto Bee, CA
Aug. 14, 2017

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Unaccompanied Alien Children

How Central American youth test outdated US immigration laws
Pence knows that Central American children have been fleeing to the United States. But he should also recognize the staggering scale of this wave, and what's behind it. Understanding both is key to creating policy that can prevent surges like this in the future. First, it's important to grasp the scale of this movement of people. From 2011 through the end of last year, 178,825

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minors from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala were apprehended by the U.S. border patrol while traveling without adult relatives and without a visa.
Opinion
Americas Quarterly, NY
Aug. 15, 2017

The Trump administration is detaining immigrant kids for gang membership without evidence. So we sued. *(featuring ACF)*
In testimony in the case of (b)(6) one of the children involved in our class action suit, an ORR official admitted that the agency had conducted no meaningful review to examine ICE's "evidence" to justify the child's jailing. They did not contact the child's parents or attorneys to notify them of the child's whereabouts. They held no hearing over their decision to incarcerate the child. Instead, within hours of receiving an email from ICE, with unsubstantiated evidence of gang affiliation, ORR decided to send the child to a secure detention facility across the country.
Opinion
ACLU Blog, NY
August 14, 2017

CAIR Coalition pioneers first Flores bond hearing, challenging the detention of one unaccompanied child for nearly 300 days *(featuring ACF)*
Last month, the Ninth Circuit issued a ruling that affects all unaccompanied minors in detention. The Court decided that children have the right to a hearing challenging their continued detention, as determined by a nationwide settlement agreement in 1997. This decision has a tangible impact on the lives of children in prolonged secure detention. CAIR Coalition's Detained Children's program represented one such detained child last month in a hearing challenging his continued detention and separation from his mother, who was seeking his release.
Opinion
Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition, DC
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I have attached the weekly litigation update. We have added bond hearings to this weekly update.

UAC litigation. In *Gomez v Sessions* ("AH" habeas case), the plaintiff filed an amended complaint and ORR received plaintiffs' requests for production of documents. In *Flores* (bond hearings), government defendants filed a motion to extend the deadline for petitioning for rehearing *en banc* until 9/20/17 (current deadline is 8/21).

Refugee litigation. In *Indiana*, plaintiff Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc. filed an unopposed motion for extension of time, until 8/31/17, to file for summary judgment. In *Oregon*, the court granted defendants' unopposed motion for extension of time to file a response to plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss (reply due 9/12/17).

UAC Bond hearings. There are 21 outstanding requests from UACs to file bond hearings (see last table in tracker). This week, there were:

- 6 bond hearings: 4 requests were withdrawn in court; 1 request was transferred to another jurisdiction for later scheduling; and for 1 request, ORR submitted a letter stating it did not consider the UAC to be a danger.
- 2 family reunifications, which removed the need for bond hearings.
- 2 cases in which UACs requesting hearings were ordered removed.

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I have attached this week's litigation update (including bond hearings).

UAC litigation. In *Gomez* (AH habeas case), there was a case management conference, with a status report due by today, 8/31. In *Flores* (bond hearings), the 9th Circuit assigned a case number and briefing schedule as to a petition for en banc rehearing (petition to be filed by 9/20/17). In "Nash" (FOIA litigation related to the Juvenile Referral Program; aka "footguides"), ORR filed a letter requesting rolling production of remaining documents after 10/2/17 deadline; ACLU consented to extension of original deadline of 9/1 to 10/2, but opposes any additional extension.

Refugee litigation. In *Indiana*, the plaintiff Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc. filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on 8/24. In *Tennessee*, on 8/28 the State filed a Reply related to Federal defendants' Motion to Dismiss.

UAC bond hearings. There were no bond hearings this week. As of today there are 18 outstanding bond hearing requests. Of these:

- 1 telephonic hearing was scheduled for 9/1 in Phoenix, but the minor is being reunified today (8/31), so the hearing will be cancelled
- 3 hearings are scheduled for next week (2 in Arlington, VA; 1 in Houston, TX—though with the flooding the status of this case is uncertain)
- 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA for 9/18
- 6 motions were mailed to the New York immigration court last week. We are following up with the court there regarding scheduling.

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All,

Good morning. Please find attached the read-ahead materials (which some of you already have received hard copies of) for the 7 SEPT. The attached documents include:

- Tabletop Exercise Overview
- ACF Repatriation Program Fact Sheet
- After Even Analysis Haiti
- ACF Repatriation Internal Guide
- ACF NERP Base Plan (DRAFT)
- ACF NERP Operational Guide
- Internal Procedural Manual (Internal Financial Management Guide)
- ACF/ASPR MOU
- List of POEs
- Sample DOS Notification

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- Notice to Activate State Plan

The participant list is also included. In it you will find what your identified role is for the exercise on 14 SEPT. Thank you for your time.

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Dear Colleagues:

As you know, OHSEPR and ORR will co-host an **Emergency Repatriation briefing later this week on Thursday September 7th from 11am to 12 pm EST in Switzer Building, Room 4323/4401**, or via bridgeline for our Regional participants.

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This briefing will include essential information that you will need to participate in next week's **Tabletop Exercise on Thursday September 14th from 2-4pm EST in Humphrey Building Rm 505A**.

Everyone is undoubtedly very busy with both end-of-Fiscal Year activities and ongoing Hurricane Harvey response and recovery efforts, but it is also vital that we review ACF's Emergency Repatriation responsibilities through this upcoming briefing and through the subsequent Tabletop Exercise.

I look forward to having you join ACF's Senior Leadership in this activity.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,
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Dear Colleagues:

Two days ago, you received two calendar invites from ORR Director Scott Lloyd to participate in an Emergency Repatriation Tabletop Exercise. The genesis of this activity is a request by Acting Assistant Secretary Steve Wagner, who asked that OHSEPR conduct an exercise in close collaboration with ORR. ORR administers the Repatriation Program, and although a 2016 Memorandum of Understanding with the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) reassigned operational coordination for Emergency Repatriation to ASPR, ACF still has significant responsibilities in an Emergency Repatriation event.

The overall goal of this exercise will be for ACF Senior Leadership to carefully review and, through an exercise that simulates a real life event, understand the key decisions and issues that we would encounter during a mass Emergency Repatriation event declared by the State Department.

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The first invite is for a one hour briefing on Thursday, September 7th from 11am to 12pm. During this briefing, exercise participants will be provided a background on Emergency Repatriation and ACF's responsibilities in an Emergency Repatriation event, as well as providing information you will need to participate in the exercise itself.

The second invite is for a two hour Tabletop exercise on Thursday, September 14th from 2-4pm. During the exercise, the design team will present the participants with the Emergency Repatriation scenario, and then lead an active dialogue as the group moves through the simulation, working together to resolve issues and make key decisions. Throughout the exercise, the design team will include observer/evaluators and note takers who will capture lessons learned and areas for further consideration.

Background information and read-aheads will be provided in the coming days.

The exercise will be prepared by a trained exercise design team from OHSEPR and ORR.

Your participation is very important to the success of ACF's efforts to be prepared for future Emergency Repatriation events. Because repatriations are infrequent events that happen on short notice, but are critical to the safety and well-being of American citizens and their dependents abroad, it is our goal that ACF's learning experience happen in this exercise, rather than in a real-world event. Please save these times on your schedule.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in letting me know. I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this important event further.

Best regards,
Roberto

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FYSA ensuring you all saw this.

V/r

Brett

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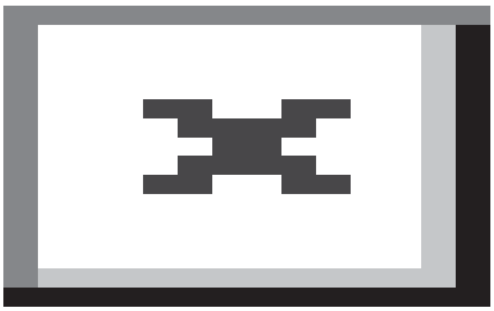
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Subject: UAC Statistics Update

Good afternoon,

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Many of you remain activated in support of Harvey/Irma; however, I've been getting daily questions about UAC trends and analysis. For everyone's situational awareness, I've updated the UAC Statistics (attached). Based on today's ACF report, they are at 70% capacity. Note also that although the August referrals were up 21% over previous month, discharges kept pace (up 20% over past month).

I'm also pleased to attach the final updated UCG Plan for your records.



Please let me know if you have suggestions for additional analysis.

V/r,

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Hi AMB,

Based on your comments that nothing substantive changed in the attached document that Scott has already reviewed and cleared, he does not need to review the changes. He approved for us to send this forward to OLAB.

Thanks,
Laura

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
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To: White, Laura (ACF)
Cc: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Subject: FW: SWIFT: 081120172004 - The attached draft ACF response to the OIG Memorandum â€œSafety Incidents Related to Unaccompanied Children under the Care of the Office of Refugee Resettlement and its Granteesâ€☐ is ready for Steve Wagner's review and approval.

Laura,
This is the OIG 5 questions. Do you know how we get it back through clearance? Thanks!
AM

From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
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He double checked. Good to go.

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From: Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR)
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To: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
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Checked. Made two very stylistic minor changes, but otherwise don't see any typos.

From: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR)
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Victor:

I think this is good. Can you just do one more quality check for typos etc? Hopefully this nightmare will be over soon.

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What do you think of this layout?

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Toby,

Please see attached (about the OIG report on the 5 incidents).

I've responded to the comments on the memo by renaming all attachments simply as "Attachment A," "Attachment B," etc. (Note the date field for the memo still remains blank). Also, I combined all attachments (including emails and attachments to emails) in a single PDF. This way the attachments can either be printed from a single document, or navigated in Adobe using the built-in bookmarks.

Thanks,
Victor

From: Owens, Javan (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF); Gregg, Laura (ACF)
Cc: Kanodia, Preeti (ACF)
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Anna Marie,

Can you please review the working document, and respond to the questions from the front office. As to the question about the uploading a zip file, my experience has been in the past that OIG sends a link to a confidential portal that one can upload documents to. Is that your understanding as well?

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Javan

From: Akers, Ms. Mary (ACF)
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To: Logan, Scott (ACF); Owens, Javan (ACF); Kanodia, Preeti (ACF); Davis, Ms. Cynthia (ACF)
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I have revised the memo to Joanne M. Chiedi, the Principal Deputy Inspector General, regarding the Safety Incidents Related to UC and would like your approval on the revision. I also have several questions that I hope you can help me with.

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Thanks for your help. Please let me know if I need to clarify my questions.

Mary

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I have attached the weekly litigation update.

UAC litigation. In *Gomez* (habeas case), the parties held a Case Management Conference to resolve discovery issues on 9/1, and filed a Proposed Order on 9/6. In *Flores* (bond hearings), the government appellants filed a USDHS Mediation Questionnaire with the 9th Circuit on 9/5. In "Nash" (FOIA litigation regarding JRP program), the parties held an interim pre-trial conference on 9/6.

Refugee litigation. There were no substantive updates to refugee litigation this week.

Bond Hearings.

- To date, there have been 27 bond hearings:
    - 3 hearings leading to IJ decisions (all agreed with ORR recommendations)
    - 14 UACs who requested bond hearings who subsequently withdrew their requests (either before or during their hearings)
    - 10 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., because they were subsequently reunified with a sponsor, were ordered removed, aged out, etc.).
- There are 19 outstanding bond requests in the process of filing and scheduling.

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Leading the News:

CENSUS DATA SHOW US UNINSURED RATE FELL TO 8.8% IN 2016. The New York Times (9/12, A1, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on its front page that according to Census Bureau data which were released on Tuesday, the median household income in the US "was $59,000 in 2016, an increase of 3.2 percent." The figures also revealed that the percentage of Americans living in poverty decreased. Meanwhile, access to healthcare coverage expanded last year, with data showing that just "8.8 percent of the population lacked health insurance for the full year, down from 9.1 percent in 2015."

The Washington Post (9/12, Long, 10.38M) reports that 2016 was the "highest-earning year" ever recorded for the middle class. The article adds that the continued drop in the uninsured rate was "largely thanks to expanding coverage under the Affordable Care Act."

In contrast, the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Radnofsky, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that the additional decline in the uninsured rate was due to the fact that more Americans reached the age of 65 and became eligible for Medicare. The article says last year's drop is minor compared to larger declines which occurred when the ACA was being implemented.

USA Today (9/12, Davidson, 8.62M) reports that the number of uninsured Americans fell by 900,000 to 28.1 million, while those living in poverty dropped to 40.6 million from 43.1 million, "lowering the poverty rate to 12.7% from 13.5% and placing it just marginally above the prerecession level." The article says these figures indicate that "in the final two years of the Obama administration, low- and middle-income Americans made noticeable progress after struggling in the early years of the economic recovery."

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Politico (9/12, Demko, 3.6M) reports that the continued decline in the US uninsured rate "further complicat[es] Republican efforts to dismantle Obamacare." The article says 2016 "marked the third straight year in which the Census Bureau recorded a drop in the share of Americans without health care coverage." It adds that before the ACA was fully implemented, "the uninsured rate stood at 13.3 percent."

The Hill (9/12, Weixel, 1.68M) also reports that these data "further complicate GOP efforts to repeal ObamaCare, which have slowed in recent months." The piece adds that the uninsured rate of 8.8 percent is "a record low."

Also covering the story are the Los Angeles Times (9/12, Lee, 4.49M), CNBC (9/12, Mangan, 3.48M), The Hill (9/12, Wilson, 1.68M), NPR (9/12, Kennedy, 2.4M), the Washington Examiner (9/12, Leonard, 465K), Modern Healthcare (9/12, Livingston, Subscription Publication, 238K), and Kaiser Health News (9/12, Galewitz).

Additional Coverage. The Houston Chronicle (9/12, Deam, 1.97M) reports that the uninsured rate in Texas fell "to 16.6 percent last year, continuing a downward trend that corresponds with the beginning of the Affordable Care Act, according to U.S. Census data." That rate has fallen by 5.5 percentage points since 2013. The Dallas Morning News (9/12, Rice, 984K) reports that despite the decline, "Texas still has the highest rate of people lacking health insurance in the country." The data show "Texas and Alaska were the only two states" with rates higher than 14 percent. The AP (9/12), the San Antonio Express-News (9/12, Stoeltje, 1.18M) and the Texas Tribune (9/12, Arriaga, 13K) also cover the story.

The Boston Globe (9/12, McCluskey, 969K) reports the share "of Massachusetts residents without health insurance fell again last year, to a new low of 2.5 percent, the US Census Bureau said Tuesday." That figure was 2.8 percent in 2015, and 3.7 percent in 2013. The article adds, "Massachusetts continues to have the smallest percentage of uninsured residents in the country."

The Albany (NY) Times Union (9/12, Hughes, 373K) reports the share "of New Yorkers without health insurance dropped to 6.1 percent last year, according to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Tuesday."

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (9/12, Farwell, 162K) reports the number of uninsured Maine residents "held steady in 2016, as the national uninsured rate fell to a record low," according to the Census Bureau. Data show 8 percent of Mainers, "or 106,000 people, lacked health insurance last year," which is "down slightly from 8.4 percent in 2015, though within the report's margin of error."

The Beckley (WV) Register-Herald (9/12, Holdren, 59K) reports Census Bureau data show "96,000 West Virginians lacked health insurance in 2016 – a decrease of 12,000 from 2015." The state's uninsured rate fell from 14 percent in 2013 to 5.3 percent last year.

The Connecticut Post (9/13, Cuda, 199K) reports that according to the Census Bureau, the share "of uninsured people in Connecticut fell from 9.4 percent in 2013 to 4.9 percent in 2016."

The Chicago Tribune (9/12, Schencker, 1.98M) reports that the number of uninsured people in Illinois "has dropped again – though some worry that trend is about to reverse amid uncertainty over the future of Obamacare." Census Bureau data show some 6.5 percent of residents (817,000 people) were uninsured last year, compared to about 900,000 in 2015, and 1.6 million in 2013 before the ACA was implemented.

The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (9/12, Sausser, 269K) reports despite the fact that South Carolina has not expanded Medicaid under the ACA, the state's uninsured rate dropped to 10 percent in 2016 from 15.8 percent in 2013. The Winston-Salem (NC) Journal (9/13, Craver, 232K)

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reports that "the rate could be significantly lower if the Republican-controlled General Assembly approved expanding Medicaid coverage to more than 500,000 of the 1.04 million North Carolinians who still lack health insurance."

The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger (9/12, Raychaudhuri, 1.62M) reports that some 66,000 more New Jerseyans gained access to health coverage in 2016, thus dropping the state's uninsured rate from 8.7 percent in 2015 to 8 percent in 2016. NJ Spotlight (9/13, Stainton) also covers the story.

The Providence (RI) Business News (9/12, Gowdey, 31K) reports data from the Census Bureau show "the percentage of uninsured Rhode Islanders fell from 5.7 percent (59,000 individuals) in 2015 to 4.3 percent (45,000 individuals) in 2016." This means Rhode Island has the sixth lowest uninsured rate in the country.

The Quad-City (IA) Times (9/12, Tibbetts, 277K) reports that the number of uninsured Iowans decreased by 23,000 from 2015 to 2016, according to the Census Bureau, which leaves "just 4.3 percent of the state's population without coverage." By comparison, that figure was 5 percent in 2015.

PELOSI DECLINES TO ENDORSE SANDERS' "MEDICARE FOR ALL" BILL. Kelsey Snell and David Weigel write in the Washington Post (9/12, Snell, Weigel, 10.38M) "Power Post" that on Tuesday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said "single-payer health insurance is not a litmus test for Democrats and that she herself is focused on protecting health-care coverage under the Affordable Care Act." The article says Pelosi refused to endorse Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for All" bill, and instead urged "Democrats to release a wide range of proposals to fix and improve" the ACA. Sanders is expected to release his bill later this week.

The Los Angeles Times (9/12, Mascaro, 4.49M) reports Pelosi indicated that her stance has "little to do with" the bill's contents, and more to do with the fact that "she is working on more incremental gains to preserve and expand coverage for as many Americans as possible, despite Republican opposition to Obamacare." Pelosi stated, "Right now, I'm protecting the Affordable Care Act. ... None of these other things, whether it's Bernie's [bill], can really prevail unless we have the Affordable Care Act protected."

The AP (9/12) reports Pelosi explained that "while she has long supported the idea the bill captures, of everybody getting health coverage," her immediate focus is protecting the ACA.

Politico (9/12, Kim, 3.6M) reports that Sander' single-payer proposal "has quickly attracted support from a flock of Democratic senators in the mix for the 2020 presidential race, suggesting that it is rapidly becoming a litmus test among the liberal grass roots." The Hill (9/12, Hellmann, 1.68M) also covers the story.

In a separate article, the Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) reports that the bill is "problematic" for Pelosi because Democrats "need to win in red territory where government-funded health care is a much, much tougher sell than in a Democratic presidential primary."

In a separate article, The Hill (9/12, Carney, 1.68M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) "is staying on the sidelines" where Sanders' bill is concerned. Schumer said, "Democrats believe that health care is a right for all, and there are many different bills out there. There are many good ones." He declined to say if he would co-sponsor the measure.

Meanwhile, in yet another article, The Hill (9/12, Lillis, 1.68M) reports that in spite of growing support for a single-payer health system, Democratic party leaders have been reluctant to endorse the proposals. The piece says that on Tuesday, Schumer and Pelosi refused "to throw their weight behind" Sanders' "Medicare for All" bill.

Hoyer Says House Democratic Leaders' Focus Is Preserving ACA, Not Supporting Single-

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Payer Healthcare. The Washington Examiner (9/12, Weaver, 465K) reports that on Tuesday, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) said "a single-payer or Medicare-for-all healthcare system would have 'significant administrative and other issues' and the priority of House Democratic leadership is to preserve and improve upon the Affordable Care Act." He stated, "Our position is we are for affordable access of all Americans to affordable, quality healthcare. We've made that very clear. Medicare-for-all is one way to get there." Hoyer added that he is not worried about losing centrist votes in next year's midterms, because there has always been a faction which sought a public option.

Gillibrand Endorses Sanders' Single-Payer Bill. USA Today (9/12, Gaudiano, 8.62M) reports that on Tuesday, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), who is considered by many to be "a potential Democratic presidential candidate," said she would co-sponsor Sanders' single-payer legislation. The article says Gillibrand "is among 10 Democratic senators to publicly announce support for the 'Medicare-For-All Act of 2017,' a move that that strengthens her progressive bona fides if she were to decide to run in a Democratic presidential primary."

The Washington Times (9/12, Howell, 541K) reports that in a tweet, Gillibrand stated, "Health care is a right, not a privilege. ... This week, I'll proudly join Senator @BernieSanders to co-sponsor Medicare for All." The article adds that endorsement of the single-payer idea "is emerging as a key test for Democrats ahead of the 2018 midterms and campaign to defeat President Trump, even though that contest is three years away."

The Hill (9/12, Sullivan, 1.68M) also covers the story.

Nearly 25% Of Senate Dems Have Expressed Support For Sanders' Single-Payer Bill. The Washington Post (9/12, Weigel, 10.38M) reports that Sanders' "Medicare for All" bill has the "backing of at least 15 Democratic senators – a record level of support for an idea that had been relegated to the fringes during the last Democratic presidency."

The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Armour, Hackman, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Republicans were quick to criticize Democrats' support as a shift towards government overreach.

The AP (9/12, Fram) reports that Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) said of the bill, "It's laughable."

Jeff Stein writes in a Vox (9/12, 1.54M) piece that so far, 11 of the 48 Democrats in the Senate have "decided to co-sponsor Sen. Bernie Sanders' single-payer health care bill – just two years after Sanders could find zero co-sponsors for his legislation." Stein adds that most of these supporters "tend to hail from blue states or are rumored 2020 presidential candidates." He also says this growing support illustrates "a stunning shift among Democrats to embrace single-payer legislation – which was once circumscribed to the party's far-left fringe."

Despite Skepticism, Manchin Urges Senate To Explore Single-Payer System. Bloomberg News (9/12, Kapur, 4.52M) reports that on Tuesday, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), "the most conservative Democrat" in the Senate, said "Congress should consider adopting a single-payer health-care system, a sign of how fast politics are shifting on what was once seen as a fringe issue on the left." According to Manchin, the idea "should be explored."

The Hill (9/12, Beavers, 1.68M) reports Manchin explained that "he is 'skeptical' of a single-payer healthcare system, saying that he simply supports digging into the complex details of the idea to see if it has potential." Manchin added that despite his skepticism, he is convinced "the Senate should carefully consider all of the options through regular order so that we can fully understand the impacts of these ideas on both our people and our economy."

The Washington Times (9/12, Howell, 541K) reports that Sen. Thomas Carper (D-DE) suggested, "Before we try it for our country, the idea of trying it for a couple of states seems to be logical."

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Vox (9/12, Scott, 1.54M), the Allentown (PA) Morning Call (9/12, Olson, 312K), TIME (9/12, Jenkins, 5.85M), and the Minneapolis Star Tribune (9/12, Brooks, 1.27M) also cover the story.

The Secretary in the News:

PRICE DISCUSSES RELIEF, RECOVERY EFFORTS FOLLOWING HURRICANE IRMA. On Fox Business Mornings with Maria (9/12), HHS Secretary Tom Price discussed relief and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Price said that because a public health emergency was declared for impacted areas, HHS was able to "pre-deploy and get folk on the ground in those areas so that we were able to respond as rapidly as possible. HHS has over 600 individuals on the ground right now," providing needed healthcare services, and "evaluating the hospitals and making certain we can get those hospitals back up and online especially in the Keys and in South Florida as rapidly as possible." He said it is critical to be able to address the "acute needs" of hurricane victims. For instance, some people, such as dialysis patients, depend on having access to electricity to survive. Price explained that "HHS has a list of those individuals," which it is able to share with local communities. Price also criticized Democrats' growing support for a single-payer healthcare system, and insisted that it is essential to repeal and replace the ACA.

HOUSE DEMS URGE PRICE, VERMA TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ACA NAVIGATOR PROGRAMS. On its website, CNBC (9/12, Mangan, 3.48M) reports that on Tuesday, 31 House Democrats urged the Trump Administration "to unfreeze millions of dollars in grants for a program that gives Obamacare customers hands-on help signing up for health insurance." In a letter to HHS Secretary Tom Price and CMS Administrator Seema Verma, the lawmakers wrote, "As of Monday...grantees have received no update on when they should expect to receive this essential funding. ... Disturbingly, we have heard reports that some Navigators have already been laid off because of CMS's highly unusual action." The lawmakers added that navigators are crucial to the ACA open enrollment process, and they warned that "discouraging enrollment could weaken the market and drive up premiums."

The Hill (9/12, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that the lawmakers were led by Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH). The article adds that the Trump Administration recently "announced it was slashing the grant money for navigators by nearly 41 percent, or $23 million." The piece says the groups were "blindsided" by the news.

The Washington Examiner (9/12, Leonard, 465K) also covers the story.

WPOST: PRICE UNDERMINED TEST OF NEW MEDICARE PAYMENT MODEL MEANT TO SAVE GOVERNMENT MONEY. The Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) editorializes that Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price's decision to stop or scale back potentially cost-saving "bundled payment" experiments the Obama administration had begun "was disheartening but no surprise." Researchers found that applying the Medicare program nationwide "would save the government $2 billion annually," so HHS was poised to expand the program, but "HHS officials now and Mr. Price last year argue that the government should test new payment models but that experiments should be voluntary," resulting in self-selection that undermines the experiments.

OPINION: OPPOSITION TO MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ABUSE STEMS FROM "LACK OF IMAGINATION." Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY), who represents New York's 20th District and is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, writes in The Hill (9/13, 1.68M) to call for "evidence-based" medical treatment in an effort to curb the opioid epidemic. He suggests that progress in reducing the spread of the epidemic is hindered by "old stereotypes and a lack of imagination" about treatment options, noting that Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price has "attacked medication-assisted treatment, claiming, 'If we're just substituting one opioid for another, we're not moving the dial much.'" According to Tonko, "Secretary Price is missing the point" that medication-assisted treatment, when "backed by appropriate counseling and support," can help opioid abusers find "the truest path back to a normal productive life." He also references CDC data showing that "more than 64,000 family members, friends and neighbors died from drug

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overdoses last year, an astonishing 21 percent increase from 2015."

OPINION: OPIOID EMERGENCY MUST BE SKILLFULLY MANAGED TO AVOID "MONEY GRABS." Former Maryland governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and public policy consultant Jim Pettit write in a Baltimore Sun (9/12, Ehrlich, Pettit, 706K) op-ed that President Trump should "identify specific goals" for his opioid "national emergency" in order "to avoid the mission creep often associated with government programs." As an example, the authors point to Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price's grant awards under the "21st Century Cures Act" as "a refreshing attempt to strike a balance between an urgent spending priority and a process for tracking results." The authors conclude that "a productive fight against the opioid scourge should be less about federal funding and lawsuit-induced money grabs and more about governing during a crisis."

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARDS GEORGIA TECH PARTNERSHIP $20 MILLION GRANT FOR NEW ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, Stirgus, 1.16M) reports the National Science Foundation awarded a $20 million grant for a "new engineering research center at Georgia Tech that will work closely with several other institutions, such as Emory University and the University of Georgia, and the private sector." The grant comes as Georgia Tech and other state research colleges and universities "have raised concerns about possible reductions in research funding by the Trump administration. Leaders of the institutions wrote a joint letter in July to former Georgia congressman Tom Price..warning him of the potential impact of some cuts to the National Institutes of Health and other biomedical research awards."

HHS in the News:

RESEARCHERS FIND POTENTIAL LINK BETWEEN FLU SHOT AND MISCARRIAGE EARLY IN PREGNANCY. The Washington Post (9/13, Sun, 10.38M) reports that investigators "studying the impact of the flu vaccine in pregnancy have found a possible link between miscarriage early in pregnancy in women who received the flu vaccine two years in a row." Amanda Cohn, senior adviser for vaccines at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which funded the research, said, "I think it's really important for women to understand that this is a possible link, and it is a possible link that needs to be studied and needs to be looked at over more [flu] seasons." Cohn added, "We need to understand if it's the flu vaccine, or is this a group of women [who happened to receive flu vaccines] who were also more likely to have miscarriages." The Post adds, "The CDC, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the study authors continue to recommend that pregnant women get a flu vaccine during any stage of pregnancy because of the danger influenza poses to women and their developing babies."

The AP (9/13) reports that the CDC "has reached out to...the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to warn them the study is coming out and help them prepare for a potential wave of worry from expectant moms, CDC officials said." The findings were published in Vaccine.

STAT (9/13, 43K) also covers the story.

FORMER CDC DIRECTOR FRIEDEN DISCUSSES NEW GLOBAL HEALTH PROJECT FOCUSED ON HEART DISEASE, EPIDEMICS. The Washington Post (9/12, Sun, 10.38M) reports that Tom Frieden, who led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for "seven years" under President Obama, is spearheading a new global health initiative focused on "cardiovascular disease and epidemics." The "$225 million initiative, called Resolve...aims to reduce the global burden of heart disease and stroke, the world's leading causes of death," and will assist "low- and middle-income countries fight infectious disease epidemics" through improved technology and training.

The New York Times (9/12, Belluck, Hoffman, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) provides "a condensed and edited version" of its "conversation" with Frieden about the Resolve initiative. In

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particular, Frieden states he is “focusing on sodium reduction, trans fats and blood pressure control,” and says, “Hands down, blood pressure control is the most important thing you can do in health care.”

The Wall Street Journal (9/12, McKay, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Frieden will work with the CDC and other organizations worldwide in his effort to improve countries’ epidemic response capabilities. The Journal says Frieden’s initiative is financially supported by several of the world’s most prominent philanthropists, including Michael Bloomberg, Mark Zuckerberg, and Bill and Melinda Gates.

Reuters (9/12, Steenhuysen) quotes Frieden as saying, “The Ebola epidemic revealed how vulnerable we are to threats, and was a stark reminder of the human and economic costs caused by the absence of strong public health systems.” Resolve’s infectious disease “efforts will focus on building disease tracking systems, laboratory networks and disease detectives” for quick identification of threats.

The Huffington Post (9/12, Weber, 5.74M) reports that Frieden’s goal is to save “100 million lives over 30 years.” The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is among a number of organizations Resolve will work with to implement its programs. The article says Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, “has worked with Frieden to address outbreaks” and “said Resolve could have a major positive impact.” Fauci “highlighted the initiative’s ample resources and having control over an organization without the constraints of governmental bureaucracy,” adding, “I’m really looking forward to working with him in the coming years. It’ll be interesting to see what we can do when he’s on the outside and I’m on the inside.”

Also covering the story are The Hill (9/12, Bowden, 1.68M), NPR (9/12, Cole, 2.4M), STAT (9/12, Branswell, 43K), the Washington Examiner (9/12, Leonard, 465K), The Guardian (UK) (9/12, Boseley, 3.39M), and the Atlanta Business Chronicle (9/12, Hensley, Subscription Publication, 967K).

CDC WARNS EMPLOYEES TO AVOID SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA. The Hill (9/12, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an internal email “warning employees not to talk to reporters unless they are cleared by the communications office.” According to the Hill, the email was written by “public affairs officer Jeffrey Lancashire” and read in part, “Effective immediately and until further notice, any and all correspondence with any member of the news media, regardless of the nature of the inquiry, must be cleared through CDC’s Atlanta Communications Office. This correspondence includes everything from formal interview requests to the most basic of data requests.” The email was “obtained by Axios.”

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, Judd, 1.16M) “Watchdog Blog”also covers the story.

PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL TO GIVE $1 BILLION TO FUND RESEARCH. Bloomberg News (9/13, Mulier, 4.52M) reports that Philip Morris International announced that it will commit around $1 billion to setting up a foundation to reduce smoking and research “smoke-free alternatives, measure progress toward eliminating smoking and consider ways to prepare tobacco farmers for reduced demand.” PMI has applied to the US Food and Drug Administration for approval to market its IQOS device as a “product that may reduce the risk of smoking-related diseases.” The piece added that Mitch Zeller, director of the FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products, will speak at a nicotine conference on Wednesday to introduce the foundation.

The Financial Times (9/12, Jack, Subscription Publication, 1.34M) also covers the story.

FDA’S 510(K) REVIEW PROCESS FAILS TO FIND MAJOR GLITCHES IN HEALTH SOFTWARE, STUDY FINDS. STAT (9/12, Ross, 43K) reports that a study published in Milbank Quarterly finds “that 11 of the 12 software devices subjected to the highest-risk recalls between 2011 and 2015 went through a streamlined review process, known as 501(k), that didn’t require

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testing for safety and efficacy," with the other one "completely exempted from review." The recalls "included life-sustaining equipment such as ventilators and infusion pumps, as well as a clinical decision support software used to flag adverse drug events during surgery." In response, FDA spokesperson Stephanie Caccomo said, "FDA's traditional approach to medical devices is not well-suited to these products. A new pragmatic approach must recognize the unique characteristics of digital health technology and the marketplace for these tools, so we can continue to promote innovation of high-quality, safe, and effective digital health devices."

FDA INTENDS TO CLOSE ORPHAN DRUG LOOPHOLE ALLOWING COMPANIES TO AVOID TESTING DRUGS FOR CHILDREN. STAT (9/12, Silverman, 43K) reports that Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb acknowledged that some drug companies are using orphan drug designations "as a way to sidestep other important public health goals set out by Congress." He said the FDA intends to close a loophole allowing drugmakers who receive an orphan designation to dodge a requirement to study drugs for children, which Gottlieb considers a "loophole that is in direct opposition to what Congress intended."

HILTZIK: PHARMACEUTICAL LAWSUIT UNDERSCORES PROBLEMS WITH INDUSTRY REGULATIONS. Los Angeles Times (9/12, 4.49M) columnist Michael Hiltzik writes that Allergan's lawsuit against San Diego "compounding" company Imprimis centers on Allergan "trying to close off a competitive strategy that could cost it customers and money over time." Allergan alleges Imprimis is "creating, patenting, trademarking, marketing and selling standardized, mass-manufactured unapproved new drug...under the false guise of 'compounding.'" Hiltzik writes that Allergan has pointed to Imprimis as being on the receiving end of "a handful of regulatory initiatives" implemented by the FDA, although Imprimis CEO Mark L. Baum said the lawsuit comes "because we're having success." Hiltzik observes that Baum has not denied "that his company is marketing drugs without obtaining FDA approval for them," but rather "just says FDA approval isn't necessary for its formulations." Baum said that for some formulations that can be personalized but which stem from three or four original formulas, "we don't need to go through the FDA" for approval. Hiltzik says the suit "underscores the ridiculous complexity of U.S. pharmaceutical regulations, which are full of loopholes and wormholes that can be routinely exploited by nimble drug companies."

HOUSE, SENATE COMMITTEES REJECT TRUMP'S NIH BUDGET CUTS. GenomeWeb (9/12) reports in continuing coverage that both houses of Congress have rejected President Trump's proposed 20 percent cut to the NIH budget for fiscal year 2018. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a bill last week that allocates NIH $36.1 billion for fiscal year 2018, while the House Appropriations Committee approved a $35.2 billion budget. Lawmakers also rejected Trump's plan to cut overhead payments from the agency to universities and research institutes.

Sen. Roy Blunt Receives Award For Advocating Increased NIH Funding. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (9/12, Raasch, 831K) reports Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) received the "National Distinguished Advocacy Award" Tuesday by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, an advocacy arm of the American Cancer Society, for "pushing for increased federal funding for cancer research." The president of the organization giving Blunt the award said he "has made tremendous strides for Missouri and the rest of the nation by consistently authoring significant annual increases in federal cancer research funding."

Increased NIH Funding Would Help Cleveland's Health Institutions. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (9/12, Koff, 927K) reports the Senate Appropriations Committee last week approved spending $36.1 billion for the NIH next fiscal year, a $2 billion increase over this year's allotment. The funding includes a $169 million increase for the National Cancer Institute. According to the Plain Dealer, the move will help Cleveland-based institutions with research funding, such as Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic. The NIH "awarded $734.2 million to Ohio universities and research centers in 2016, and $654.7 million so far this year, with the Cleveland area getting the state's biggest share."

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OPERA SINGER DISCUSSES HOW MUSIC AFFECTS BRAIN ACTIVITY. The Deseret (UT) News (9/12, Johnson, 381K) reports opera diva Renee Fleming told a large audience as part of a lecture series Monday afternoon that she participated in a study earlier this year at the National Institutes of Health to explore how the brain processes music. The brain scan revealed "that compared to speaking, more areas of the brain were active when Fleming was either singing or imagining that she was singing." During her lecture, Fleming also recalled attending a tense dinner party with NIH Director Francis Collins and Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Antonin Scalia two years ago that saw Collins break the ice by taking out a guitar and having an "impromptu sing-along."

NIA COMMITTEE ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALZHEIMER'S TESTING. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Wang, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association recently convened a committee to issue recommendations on how healthcare professionals diagnose Alzheimer's disease. The committee issued a report recommending researchers use tests for biological markers of Alzheimer's such as brain imaging and substances in a patient's cerebrospinal fluid when gathering study participants. Supporters suggest that the recommendations could ensure experimental treatments are tested on the appropriate population, which would promote more effective and meaningful research.

USPSTF ISSUES NEW DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING. The AP (9/12, Neergaard) reports that cervical cancer screening "isn't one-size-fits-all: Millions of women may soon have to decide between a routine Pap or a newer test that detects if they have a cancer-causing virus." Draft guidelines from the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) "for the first time say either option is reasonable for certain women – those ages 30 to 65." The USPSTF's proposal would allow these women to "choose an HPV test by itself every five years – or a Pap every three years instead."

The NPR (9/12, Haelle, 2.4M) "Shots" blog reports that "the draft recommendations update the 2012 USPSTF recommendations."

USPSTF OFFERS UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS SAYING WOMEN CAN CHOOSE PAP SMEAR OR HPV TEST FOR CANCER TESTING. Reuters (9/12, Seaman) reports the US Preventive Services Task Force issued a draft recommendation saying women between the ages of 30 and 65 can choose to undergo a Pap test every three years or a human papillomavirus test every five years. The USPSTF updated its recommendations based on "new evidence," and said the tests "offer a reasonable balance between benefits and harms." The American College of Obstetrician and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends Pap testing alone or in conjunction with HPV testing, according to Dr. Linus Chuang, professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive science at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. Dr. Chuang said, "I don't think this will make American obstetricians and gynecologists change practice, because they will look at ACOG as gold standard. ... But this will challenge it."

OKLAHOMA NURSING FACILITY REACHES AGREEMENT WITH HHS OVER DISCRIMINATION CASE. The Oklahoman (9/12, Wingerter, 443K) reports HHS' Office for Civil Rights announced on Friday that Heritage Hills Living and Rehabilitation Center, a McAlester, Oklahoma, nursing facility, has agreed to implement changes after the facility discharged a patient for having HIV. Employees said they were unaware of the discharge, and a news release discussing the matter "offered few details" except that the female patient was very ill at the time of being discharged. OCR director Roger Severino in a news release called the matter "heart-wrenching."

HHS SAYS ACA DATA NOT COMPROMISED IN EQUIFAX BREACH. Fierce Healthcare (9/12, Sweeney, 146K) reports the data breach at Equifax which involved "143 million people did not include information about consumers that purchased health insurance on the Affordable Care Act marketplaces, according to the Department of Health and Human Services." The article says Equifax has "a $329 million contract with HHS to verify incomes of individuals buying insurance

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on the exchanges, but an HHS spokesperson told Bloomberg that data was not compromised in the massive data breach."

HOSPITAL GROUPS URGE CMS TO WITHDRAW PROPOSAL TO SLASH 340B MEDICARE DRUG PAYMENTS. Fierce Healthcare (9/12, MacDonald, 146K) reports that the American Hospital Association (AHA) and 340B Health wrote a letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma in opposition to a proposal to cut Medicare drug payments to hospitals under the drug discount program. 340B Health wrote on behalf of its 1,300 public and private nonprofit hospitals in the program that the proposal would "violate both the 340B and Medicare statutes" and asked CMS to continue to reimburse hospitals at "6% more than the average sales price" of drugs. The AHA, which represents nearly 5,000 hospitals, expressed similar concerns, saying "CMS lacks statutory authority to impose such a drastic reduction in the payment rate for 340B drugs, effectively eviscerating the benefits of the program." On the other hand, the Community Oncology Alliance supports the proposal, pointing out that it will "reduce drug costs for seniors by an estimated $180 million per year" and curb "outrageous hospital abuses" of the program.

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ALEXANDER INSISTS BIPARTISAN ACA STABILIZATION MEASURE WILL PRESERVE PATIENT PROTECTIONS. USA Today (9/12, Collins, 8.62M) reports that on Tuesday, Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said a proposal which aims to stabilize ACA marketplaces "would not strip away key patient protections enacted under the Affordable Care Act." Alexander explained that he wants to preserve "a provision guaranteeing that anyone can buy an insurance policy and other protections that bar insurers from rescinding coverage, charging higher rates to patients with pre-existing conditions and imposing annual or lifetime limits on health benefits." But he said states must be allowed "more flexibility to offer a larger variety of health insurance plans with more benefits and payment options."

ALEXANDER ACKNOWLEDGES "SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN DEMS, GOP WORKING ON ACA STABILIZATION MEASURE. The Hill (9/12, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Senate Health Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) indicated that Republicans and Democrats are still not close to "finding a path to a compromise bill to stabilize ObamaCare." He "said Republicans want to make it easier for states to waive certain coverage protections, and Democrats will need to accept such changes if they want funding for insurers to help prevent an insurance premium spike." Alexander warned, "I would caution members that there are still significant differences to deal with."

Modern Healthcare (9/12, Meyer, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports that Alexander and ranking member Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) "courteously clashed...over how much freedom Congress should give states to modify the Affordable Care Act's benefit rules in order to make individual coverage more affordable." In response to Alexander's comments, Murray stated, "It would be deeply disappointing if another partisan debate over Trumpcare erupted and derailed our efforts at this stage."

The Washington Examiner (9/12, King, 465K) also quotes Murray as saying, "Democrats will reject any effort to use this discussion as a way to erode the guardrails and protections that so many patients and families rely on."

Fierce Healthcare (9/12, Minemyer, 146K) reports that as the negotiations continue, "Democrats are worried that Republicans' requests might jeopardize their ability to strike a speedy deal." According to one aide, Republicans seem "to be pulling the negotiations in a more partisan direction from their side by pushing changes that Democrats have made clear from the start they wouldn't agree to – like rolling back protections for patients with pre-existing conditions."

SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SEEK TO SHORE UP ACA MARKETPLACES. Reuters

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(9/12, Cornwell) reports that congressional lawmakers were "wrestling with healthcare again on Tuesday, as lawmakers from both parties considered some approaches beyond simply repealing and replacing Obamacare." The article says this new-found cooperation "appeared unlikely to yield dramatic changes soon, but marked a shift from the long-running, Republican effort to gut 2010's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." The piece adds that members of the Senate HELP committee from both parties "want to stabilize the Obamacare individual insurance market by protecting its 'cost-sharing subsidies.'"

Kaiser Health News (9/12, Bluth) also covers the story.

GOP REPORTEDLY AT ODDS ABOUT WHETHER TO STABILIZE OR REPEAL ACA. Politico (9/12, Everett, Haberkorn, 3.6M) reports, "Republicans are paralyzed over what to do about health care, caught between a bipartisan effort to shore up Obamacare and the opportunity to take one last swing at their years-long promise to repeal the law." The article says those leading both efforts have less than three weeks to accomplish their goals, because special "procedural powers for the GOP to repeal the law expire on Sept. 30, and insurance companies desperate for certainty have until Sept. 27 to decide whether to participate in Obamacare markets next year."

HATCH CALLS CURRENT EFFORTS TO STABILIZE ACA MARKETPLACES "A BAILOUT." The Hill (9/12, Hellmann, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) "derided bipartisan efforts to shore up ObamaCare's insurance market as a 'bailout.'" He stated, "At this point, it's pretty clear that the parties will need to work together if any of this is going to improve. That said, I am concerned that many of the proposals for a bipartisan solution would amount to little more than a bailout of the current system," which "would be a mistake."

"LAST-DITCH" ACA REPEAL EFFORT TO BE UNVEILED WEDNESDAY, WITHOUT LEADERSHIP SUPPORT. The Hill (9/12, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) met with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) "to discuss their last-ditch ObamaCare repeal bill." Following the meeting, "Cassidy said the leader's message was that Graham and Cassidy need to find 50 votes for the bill on their own." The article says the bill "faces long odds," and party leaders are not endorsing the effort. The piece adds that Cassidy and Graham intend to unveil the measure on Wednesday.

The Washington Examiner (9/12, Ferrechio, 465K) reports that Graham and Cassidy will be joined by Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) and a fourth co-sponsor, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), when they unveil the bill on Wednesday. The measure "would provide the $1.2 trillion for Obamacare's Medicaid expansion and tax credits to states in an attempt to get the states to develop their own healthcare programs."

Steve Benen writes in an MSNBC (9/12, 7.73M) piece that it appears "the Republican health care crusade has already run its course," but on Wednesday, "four GOP senators will make one last-ditch effort to get it back on track." He argues that the plan has "profound flaws." Benen adds that while it is not completely "impossible" for the plan to succeed, "even the most ambitious Republicans should concede this is a steep cliff to climb."

Similarly, Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (9/12, 1.54M) piece that GOP senators who are making one last attempt to repeal the ACA have less than three weeks to accomplish their task. He adds, "The path forward is improbably narrow. Almost every seasoned Washington observer believes it can't be done," however, there is a slight possibility of success.

The Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate (9/12, Stole, 72K) and the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (9/12, Kilgore, 519K) also cover the story.

CASSIDY SAYS LATEST EFFORT TO REPEAL ACA IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE PARTISAN. The Washington Examiner (9/12, King, 465K) reports that last week, Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

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"said a last-dash effort to repeal Obamacare isn't meant to be partisan and that he is reaching out to Democrats." He stated, "We are actually trying to be bipartisan by allowing a blue state and a deep red state come up with a solution that works best for their folks." According to the article, Cassidy said he has asked 10 Democratic senators to support the bill.

ANTHEM MULLING EXITS FROM MORE ACA MARKETPLACES. Bloomberg News (9/12, Tracer, Edney, 4.52M) reports that on Tuesday, Anthem, Inc. said it may exit more Affordable Care Act marketplaces "even as U.S. lawmakers debate steps to shore up the health law." The company "is in talks with officials in some states ahead of deadlines later this month to decide whether to sell coverage in 2018, Chief Executive Officer Joseph Swedish said." The article adds that Anthem intends to fully or partially exit nine of the 14 states where it currently offers ACA plans.

Reuters (9/12, Humer) reports that according to Swedish, "the company has been repositioning itself in states with an eye to re-entering when appropriate if Congress and the White House stabilize the individual markets."

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CUTS IMPERIL ACA NAVIGATOR PROGRAMS IN ARIZONA. The Arizona Republic (9/12, Alltucker, 968K) reports, "The Trump administration's decision to cut funding for a program that helps people sign up for Affordable Care Act health insurance has left some Arizona organizations facing budget shortfalls, reduced hours and possible layoffs." The article says HHS has cut funding for ACA navigator programs by more than 40 percent for this fiscal year. This means "two Arizona entities that received navigator grants – the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC) and the University of Arizona – don't know if, or how much, they'll receive to pay for these positions during the coming enrollment period."

ACA NAVIGATORS IN TENNESSEE RESORTING TO GRASSROOTS METHODS FOLLOWING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CUTS. The Tennessean (9/12, Fletcher, 499K) reports that Affordable Care Act navigators in Tennessee are "devising a last minute, grassroots strategy to let people know when and how they can buy individual health insurance." The article says that in the last four years, "national TV ads have beamed enrollment dates," but with "the federal budget slashed from $100 million to $10 million," navigators are turning to alternative ways, such as Facebook, local newspapers, and community bulletin boards, to spread the word about open enrollment.

BCBS OF ILLINOIS SMALL BUSINESS PLAN WILL NOT BE OFFERED THROUGH THE ACA EXCHANGE IN 2018. The Chicago Sun-Times (9/12, Armentrout, 742K) reports, "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois will no longer offer group plans for small businesses through the Affordable Care Act health insurance exchange, the company announced this week."

Modern Healthcare (9/12, Schorsch, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports that small businesses with a Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois plan purchased through the ACA exchange will have to look for alternatives, because that plan will not be offered in 2018. The article says this means small businesses in Illinois will have only one other option: Health Alliance. The piece adds that "the so-called Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP, where small businesses nationwide can buy coverage on the federally-run online marketplace HealthCare.gov, never gained steam for a host of reasons."

INSURERS TELL LAWMAKERS HOW TO STABILIZE ACA MARKETPLACES DURING SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING. Carolyn Y. Johnson writes in the Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) "The Health 202" that insurers are testifying before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and it is these "companies that will truly determine the success or failure of the Obamacare exchanges by providing the plans and health coverage choices for millions of Americans." She adds that "insurers are going on the record with lawmakers. And they have their own demands and deadlines following the failure of the Republican-led Congress to

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pass its repeal-and-replace plan."

SANDERS COULD FRAME SINGLE-PAYER PLAN AS LITMUS TEST OR STARTING POINT. Jonathan Cohn writes for the Huffington Post (9/12, Cohn, 5.74M) that Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) will unveil a new version of his "Medicare-for-all" proposal on Wednesday, which he could present as "a litmus test" that "Democrats pledge fealty to" or "he could present...more as a concept, something he expects progressives to spend the next few years refining." Cohn writes that if Sanders presents his bill as a finished product, Democrats "would need to explain how they intend for this transition to work" and how to mitigate the negative effects. As a starting point, Sanders could emphasize that a conversation "will take place among politicians and activists and wonks over the course of many years."

WITHOUT CMS DECISION, IOWA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER "LESS OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT ACA STOPGAP PLAN. The AP (9/12, Rodriguez) reports Iowa Insurance Commissioner Doug Ommen told state lawmakers on Tuesday that he is "less optimistic" the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will approve a stopgap measure for the state's individual insurance market to lower some people's premiums. Ommen "indicated he had expected a decision amid a looming deadline on open enrollment for ACA coverage." The plan, first submitted in June and finalized last month, would be in effect for 2018 and "also develops a program to help carriers with high-cost patients."

The Des Moines (IA) Register (9/12, Leys, 324K) quotes Ommen as testifying that he is hopeful CMS official will approve the plan, saying, "If they don't, we will be in much worse shape next year." The article says Medica has proposed raising premiums by 58 percent for individual health insurance plans in Iowa next year and Ommen told legislators that Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield "has told him it would propose 2018 rates that would be about half of Medica's if federal officials approve Iowa's 'stopgap' proposal." Without the proposed changes, Wellmark has indicated it would stop selling new policies next year.

INSURER DEPARTURES COULD LEAVE 70,000 VIRGINIANS WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE OPTIONS IN 2018. The Roanoke (VA) Times (9/12, Rife, 176K) reports that the Affordable Care Act exchange "is collapsing in Virginia" with the exit of Optima Health "leaving about 70,000 people without the ability to purchase health insurance for 2018." Virginia Secretary of Health Bill Hazel said Tuesday that Washington had created this crisis. "They are the ones who have to fix it," he said. "Our hands are all but tied." The article notes that Aetna and Anthem left the marketplace this spring.

HHS IG REPORT SAYS REMAINING ACA CO-OPS NOT FINANCIALLY VIABLE. The Daily Caller (9/12, Pollock, Barton, 521K) reports the remaining six nonprofit health insurance co-ops established under the Affordable Care Act do not "appear to be financially viable and sustainable," according to the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General. The six remaining co-ops "reported net losses and had drawn down nearly all available CO-OP loan amounts as of December 31, 2016" and "Medical claims costs exceeded premiums for three of the six CO-OPs," the report said. The article notes that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services placed 10 of the 11 co-ops on "corrective action" or "enhanced oversight plans" in 2015 and 2016, and the IG report says oversight "did not prevent the CO-OPs from ceasing or planning to cease operations."

HANDEL OVERSTATES ACA TAX IMPACT. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, Greenberg, 1.16M) fact-checks the claim by newly elected Rep. Karen Handel (R-GA) that the Affordable Care Act "is the single largest tax increase in my lifetime history. You can't repair a tax. You have to repeal it." The article rates the claim as false because, since Handel was born in 1962, six of 28 tax increases examined were higher relative to the size of the economy.

VIRGINIA LT. GOV. CANDIDATE SUPPORTS SINGLE PAYER HEALTHCARE. The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (9/12, Ress, Subscription Publication, 170K) reports Justin Fairfax, thee

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Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of Virginia supports the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion, and favors "Medicare for all." The article highlights the limited power of the office to implement any such policies, but says that lieutenant governors should "take a position on state legislative issues on which there's a chance they'd be a tiebreaking vote," although the General Assembly is "adamantly opposed."

HATCH WARNS AGAINST ACA "BAILOUT" AMID HEALTHCARE REFORM NEGOTIATIONS. The Deseret (UT) News (9/12, 381K) reports Sen. Orrin Hatch "decried" potential healthcare legislation that would provide a "bailout" for the Affordable Care Act. Hatch said Tuesday "its pretty clear that the parties will need to work together," but "many of the proposals for a bipartisan solution would amount to little more than a bailout of the current system." Hatch also said Tuesday that he wants lawmakers to curb individual and employer mandates.

COMMENTARY CONSIDERS HEALTH REFORM. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

The New York Times (9/13, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) says in an editorial that "President Trump clearly inherited an economy on the upswing," but it remains to be seen "whether his administration and the Republican-controlled Congress will sustain the momentum, or even reverse it." The Times explains that despite the economy's improvement, "broad prosperity remains elusive," and "Republican policy makers seem determined to undo the progress that has been made." The Times adds that new Census Bureau data show "the ranks of the uninsured fell last year by 900,000 people, to an all-time low of 8.8 percent of the population. The decline is a result of the Affordable Care Act."

William A. Galston writes for the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) spotlighting Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin's failed attempt to shift his state to a single-payer healthcare system. Despite successfully campaigning on the issue, Shumlin never persuaded a majority and the economic costs were projected to be too high. Galston frames the case as a cautionary one for Democratic presidential aspirants endorsing Sen. Bernie Sanders' national single-payer plan.

Adjunct professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah, Margaret Battin, writes for TIME (9/12, 5.85M) that the Veterans Affairs healthcare system offers a model for a "comprehensive, universal, effective and cheap" civilian healthcare system. Battin outlines the approach, which was first proposed a decade ago by public policy expert Phillip Longman.

In an editorial, the Los Angeles Times (9/12, 4.49M) writes that Senate Republicans should "stop flirting with yet another partisan proposal to 'repeal and replace' the Affordable Care Act, and start focusing instead on steps to make coverage more affordable." The Times calls a proposal floated by Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Dean Heller (R-NV) "irresponsible" as the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee works toward a bipartisan fix.

The Los Angeles Times (9/12, 4.49M) editorializes that Medi-Cal provider directories are unnecessary wastes of paper. Three California health plans have asked the California Department of Health Care Services for permission to take advantage of a new federal rule allowing them to stop automatically sending the phonebook-sized directories, but they "are still waiting for approval," which the Times says "seems like a no-brainier."

Robert Pearl writes for Forbes (9/12, 5.11M) recapping the ongoing debate over the Affordable Care Act, framing it as "more like a Shakespearean play than a matter of policy." In his description, Pearl writes "this production features three acts, several twists, and an ending that will likely prove predictable only in retrospect."

Faris Harton, president of the Southeastern NC Central Labor Council, writes for the Wilmington

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(NC) Star News (9/12, 138K) that "when Americans understand that the prohibitive cost of health care is due to the inefficiency of our for-profit system itself," they will demand a single-payer Medicare-for-all system. Harton says that "over 25 percent of our health care dollars go to administrative costs" while other costs stem from "outrageous salaries and benefits of medical insurance and pharmaceutical industry CEOs and other top executives."

Lori Lodes, former director of the office of communications for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, writes for Vox (9/12, 1.54M) that the Trump Administration's "decision to cut funding for advertising and in-person assistance" is "is nothing less than sabotage." Lodes writes that "vague awareness that the ACA exists is a lot different from knowing how to enroll," and "in truth most people don't know the open enrollment dates, and they don't know that the deadline this year is December 15 — not January 31, like last year."

Politico Magazine (9/12, 3.55M) contributing editor Bill Scher writes that writes that in addition to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, other potential 2020 candidates including Sens. Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Jeff Merkley, and Elizabeth Warren "have signed on" to Sanders' bill. The Democratic Party is now "the party of single-payer health insurance. Big mistake." Democrats, Sher argues, are "committing themselves to years more of treacherous health care debate, at a time when there are more pressing issues to confront," and they are "emulating Donald Trump's penchant for quick-fix, bumper-sticker solutions that prove to be, in his own words, more 'complicated' once in power."

Tyler Cowen writes for Bloomberg View (9/12, 4.52M) that the major Democratic presidential candidates for 2020 "will end up endorsing some version of single-payer health care," but an "obvious problem" is that "most people with private health insurance are pretty happy with their current arrangements." Cowen says that single-payer systems in Europe and Asia "were instituted while health-care costs were still fairly low, and then kept down by government fiat," but the US is not in such a position. Sowen also argues that "the Medicare for All movement is more about easing everyone's access and boosting the usage of health-care resources," not reducing use as in other single-payer systems.

Ken Herman, president of medical technology company Smith & Nephew, writes for the Austin (TX) American Statesman (9/12, Subscription Publication, 431K) that Congress "should seize the existing opportunity to score a bipartisan legislative victory — for patients, jobs and innovation — by permanently repealing the jobs-killing medical device excise tax" enacted under the Affordable Care Act. The 2.3-percent tax on medical devices has meant "less capital was available to invest in growing our business and developing the next generation of pioneering advanced medical devices." If Congress doesn't act, medical technology companies "will be hit with a $20 billion tax increase at the end of the year."

Diamond Naga Siu writes for Politico (9/12, 3.6M) that the Democratic Socialists of America finds itself with "unprecedented political potential," but it is "struggling with an identity crisis as members scrap over whether to focus on national or local issues." The organization grew fivefold with Sen. Bernie Sanders' "meteoric" rise as "a self-described democratic socialist," but the growth in recent years "still amounts to only 25,000 members total." While many members want to focus at the local level, "others see a rare opportunity to leverage the Sanders wave and its existing power at the local level to influence national politics, namely the health care debate."

Dr. Dana Goldman, is director of the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics at the University of Southern California, writes for STAT (9/12, 43K) that Sen. Bernie Sanders' universal healthcare bill set to be released Wednesday is "bold and simple" but "only gets it half right." Goldman warns that turning Medicare into a single-payer system would supplant private insurers at "an enormous price tag," arguing that "universal catastrophic coverage" is a better way that "borrows from both progressive and conservative playbooks." Goldman explains that from the perspective of insurers, "the new system would look like Medicare's prescription drug plan."

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Opioid News:

OPINION: THERE IS NO SIMPLE POLICY SOLUTION TO THE OPIOID CRISIS. Two professors of economics at Princeton University, Anne Case and Angus Deaton, write in the Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) that there is no "simple policy solution" to the opioid epidemic. They make four points about the crisis to "correct the record." First, Medicaid is neither the problem nor the solution. Second, even if opioids are better controlled, there would still be deaths from suicide and liver diseases because of the "underlying depression," arguing opioids "are like guns handed out in a suicide ward." Third, the crisis has hit both men and women equally and fourth, it is not one for rural Americans alone. They conclude that the "long-run solution" is "higher wages and better jobs for working people" and that is a "far more difficult goal to attain."

MOST AMERICANS PREFER NON-DRUG PAIN TREATMENT, ARE AWARE OF OPIOIDS' DANGERS, SURVEY SUGGESTS. TIME (9/12, Sifferlin, 5.85M) reports that a new survey of "about 6,300 adults" showed that "nearly two thirds" indicated suffering "neck or back pain so great they sought a health care provider for relief, and 54% said they had neck or back pain for at least five years." However, "78% said they preferred to try" alternative methods of pain management "before taking drugs." The study's authors wrote that the "findings suggest that Americans are aware of the dangers associated with opioid misuse and are open to drug-free alternatives for pain management," adding, "These developments could be a sign of a future where patients and healthcare professionals alike are trying drug-free treatment options before relying on opioids."

REP. WALDEN CALLS ON CONGRESS TO BOOST EFFORTS AGAINST OPIOID CRISIS. The Hill (9/12, Roubein, 1.68M) reports that House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) "wrote in a Morning Consult op-ed published Tuesday" that "it is of utmost importance we in Congress kick our work into high gear" to stem the opioid epidemic. The article says the committee will hold an opioid crisis hearing "the week of Oct. 23" where "lawmakers will receive an update on the implementation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act," and "agency officials helping address the epidemic at the federal level will also provide an update on their efforts."

BLOG: TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION LIKE HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED ILLNESSES. Paige Minemyer writes for the Fierce Healthcare (9/12, Minemyer, 146K) that "hospitals must treat addiction like other hospital-acquired conditions" in order to better address the opioid crisis. Minemyer says multiple physicians recently contributed to a Health Affairs blog post stating that "hospitals and health systems will need to mobilize resources much like they did to improve antibiotic stewardship to reduce opioid overprescribing and change the approach to pain management." The blog post also offers several "steps hospital leaders can follow to change the conversation around opioids."

COLUMN: BETTER DATA NEEDED TO MEASURE TRUE EXTENT OF OPIOID EPIDEMIC. In his "Quick Study" column, Evan Horowitz of the Boston Globe (9/12, Horowitz, 969K) writes that death statistics are a flawed measure of the extent of the opioid crisis. For example, Horowitz says more individuals are surviving overdoses because of "the wide deployment of naloxone," which "in theory" could "lower the opioid-related death rate even if heroin and fentanyl are still expanding their reach." Horowitz concludes that to better "address the addiction crisis, we need timely, reliable information that reaches beyond mortality."

SENATE COMMITTEE EXAMINES MARKETING PRACTICES OF OPIOID COMPANIES AT HEARING. The Philadelphia Inquirer (9/12, Sapatkin, 1.71M) reports on a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on Tuesday on the marketing practices of the pharmaceutical industry in connection with opioids. The committee released a report last week entitled "Fueling an Epidemic: Insys Therapeutics and the Systemic Manipulation of Prior Authorization" examining the behavior of Insys Therapeutics, which made an opioid believed to have played a role in the death of a Philadelphia-area woman last year. Her mother and others

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affected by the opioid crisis testified at the hearing.

OPINION: PRESIDENT TRUMP "DITHERS" ON OPIOID EMERGENCY. Renee Graham writes in the Boston Globe (9/12, Graham, 969K) that a month after announcing that he would declare the opioid crises "a national emergency," President "Trump's actions don't reflect this issue's gravity." Specifically, Graham points out that Trump has yet to "officially declare" the national emergency, but has "found time to pardon racist former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio; threaten with deportation undocumented immigrants brought to this country as children; and move to ban transgender men and women from serving in the military." Graham concludes, "If there's a plan, he needs to unveil it; meanwhile, as Trump dithers, people die, families mourn, and communities buckle under the weight of addiction and the agony of its government's inexplicable inaction."

Healthcare News:

CENTENE TO BUY NEW YORK'S FIDELIS CARE FOR $3.75 BILLION. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Mathews, Aremental, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Centene Corp. announced Tuesday that it will buy nonprofit health insurer Fidelis Care in a $3.75 billion deal. The deal adds 1.6 million members in New York to Centene. Centene is a leader in Medicaid managed care business and Medicare, and is also active in Affordable Care Act exchange plans. The deal is expected to close in the first quarter, according to the Journal.

Reuters (9/12, Mukhopadhyay) reports that Centene said the deal "would significantly improve the company's earnings per share" and its stock rose 6.7 percent in aftermarket trading on Tuesday.

Forbes (9/12, Japsen, 5.11M) reports that unlike its competitors Aetna, Anthem, UnitedHealth Group, and Humana, Centene is expanding into new markets and "has been able to successfully manage the costs of sick uninsured Americans buying individual policies on the ACA's public exchanges." Centene had nearly 1.1 million customers enrolled in ACA marketplaces as of June 30 this year, compared to 617,700 at this time last year. Fidelis, the article says, is "an established player in New York's Obamacare, Medicaid and Medicare Advantage markets."

Fierce Healthcare (9/12, Small, 146K) reports that Centene's CEO Michael Neidorff said, "Centene's entrance into the state of New York marks a significant step in our strategy to continue to be the national leader in government-sponsored healthcare," and, when completed, Centene will have a "leadership position" in the US' four largest managed care states: California, Florida, Texas, and New York.

Buffalo (NY) Business First (9/12, Drury, Subscription Publication, 839K) reports that the sale will also result in the "creation of a private charitable foundation that will be focused solely on New York and centered on the health and welfare of poor, low-income, elderly, disabled and underserved individuals and families throughout New York state."

Modern Healthcare (9/12, Livingston, Subscription Publication, 238K) also covers the story.

OHIO SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON STATE'S EFFORT TO CLOSE ABORTION CLINIC. In continuing coverage, the AP (9/12) reports that the Ohio Supreme Court on Tuesday heard arguments in a dispute over "the state Health Department's order to shut down Toledo's last abortion clinic." The health department ordered the clinic to close in 2014 because it "didn't have a patient-transfer agreement with a local hospital," as mandated by "restrictions Ohio lawmakers passed in 2013." The clinic, however, "sued and won in the lower courts," and has been permitted "to continue operating as the legal dispute" continues.

LAWYERS PETITION TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT PRO-LIFE CLINICS FORCED TO "PROMOTE ABORTION" UNDER STATE LAWS. The Washington Times (9/12, Richardson, 541K) reports that attorneys for the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a complaint on

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Monday with the US Department of Health and Human Services "asking the agency to protect the free speech rights of pro-life doctors and women's health clinics" from state laws which they say are "trying to force them to promote abortion." Laws in Illinois and Hawaii require pro-life physicians and pregnancy centers to "tell their patients about the availability of state-sponsored abortions" or to post signs in their offices directing patients to a state agency that provides abortion referrals. The petition argues that such laws violate federal law and the US Constitution.

Human Services News:

TEXAS, FOSTER-CARE PROVIDERS EVACUATED, MONITORED FOSTER CHILDREN DURING HARVEY. The AP (9/12, Garrett) reports Texas Child Protective Services announced on Monday that Hurricane Harvey forced them to "evacuate more than 400 foster kids in institutions ... and, probably, hundreds more who lived in foster homes along the Gulf coast." According to the AP, "CPS workers in about 55 affected counties made timely initial checks on nearly 96 percent of youngsters named in child maltreatment tips of the most serious kind between the night of Aug. 24, just before Harvey made landfall, and Monday,"

DHHS RESPONDS TO MAINE LAWMAKERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT TREATMENT OF DISABLED ADULTS. The Portland (ME) Press Herald (9/12, Gallagher, 191K) reports that the Maine Department of Health and Human Services sent a 21-page written response on Tuesday to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee seeking details about a "recent federal audit that found the department failed to properly report and monitor incidents involving abuse or deaths of disabled people in the care of community-based providers." Among others, the committee had asked why the agency had failed to investigate the deaths of 133 disabled adults according to the report by the Office of Inspector General of the US Department of Health and Human Services released on August 10. The committee plans to release the letter after its members reviewed it, either late Tuesday or on Wednesday.

Medicare:

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AT ODDS OVER CMS PROPOSAL FOR JOINT REPLACEMENTS AT SURGICAL CENTERS. Modern Healthcare (9/12, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports that healthcare providers take both sides of a CMS proposal that would allow surgical centers to perform knee replacements. Some in the medical community contend that the proposal could put patient safety at risk because Medicare beneficiaries tend to be older and sicker than non-Medicare beneficiaries – nearly 50 percent of them "live with four or more chronic conditions." On the other hand, those in favor of the proposal say "not all Medicare beneficiaries need the level of care provided at acute-care hospitals following a joint replacement" and outpatient settings may be a less costly alternative. CMS is expected to release the final 2018 outpatient pay rule in November.

PROVIDER, HEALTH IT GROUPS ASK CMS TO WAIVE RESTRICTIONS ON TELEHEALTH. Fierce Healthcare (9/12, Sweeney, 146K) reports provider and health IT groups "are generally pleased with a proposal issued by federal officials to expand Medicare coverage for telehealth services under the 2018 physician fee schedule, but several are pushing for even more flexibility to integrate connected health technology." In comments submitted to the agency, the American Medical Association and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) "say CMS can do more to remove payment restrictions." In particular, AMA "wants CMS to utilize its waiver authority to provide better care at a lower cost and raised concerns that the proposed codes for remote monitoring were too general."

OHIO'S SUMMACARE, UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS AGREE TO CO-BRAND MEDICARE MANAGED-CARE PLANS. The Akron (OH) Beacon Journal (9/12, Lin-Fisher, 235K) reports that SummaCare will add the University Hospitals name to its Medicare managed-care plans, so that the plans will be known as University Hospitals Medicare Advantage from SummaCare.

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SummaCare is the largest Medicare managed-care insurer in Summit County and "has room to grow" in other counties. The co-branding is seen as a way for the Akron-based insurer to grow its network in Portage, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lorain County where the Cleveland-based University Hospitals health system has hospitals. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Medicaid & CHIP:

SENATORS STRIKE DEAL TO EXTEND CHIP PROGRAM. The New York Times (9/12, Pear, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports top senators on the Senate Finance Committee announced on Tuesday night "that they had reached agreement on a plan to prevent the imminent exhaustion of federal funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program," which is set to expire at the end of this month. Finance Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch and ranking Democrat Ron Wyden struck an agreement that would funds the program for five additional years.

Reuters (9/12, Beech) reports that in a statement Hatch said, "I am hopeful we can move forward swiftly to ensure no lapse in care for our nation's most vulnerable children," calling the agreement "a good first start."

The AP (9/12, Fram) reports the program "provides health coverage to around 8 million low-income children and pregnant women" and is "a widely supported initiative."

The Hill (9/12, Weixel, 1.68M), Politico (9/12, Pradhan, 3.6M), and the Washington Examiner (9/12, King, 465K) also report.

OPINION: BLAMING MEDICAID FOR THE OPIOID CRISIS MAY BE WRONG. Aaron Carroll, professor of pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine, and health economist Austin Frakt challenge the theory that Medicaid expansion is "fueling" the opioid crisis in an op-ed in the New York Times (9/12, Subscription Publication, 13.56M). They argue that it may be "convenient" argument for opponents of the Affordable Care Act, but "substantial evidence" suggests that it is not true. They cite the Department of Health and Human Service's statement which says, "Correlation does not necessarily prove causation," and examine research showing that opioid use was already on the rise before Medicaid expansion. They also argue that the rising opioid use may have caused states to expand Medicaid, rather than the other way around. The authors conclude, "To use a theoretical Medicaid-opioid connection (for which the evidence is weak anyway) to justify scaling back Medicaid ignores the larger picture – that it is a crucial aspect of our safety net, providing access to health care and financial protection that many low-income Americans could not otherwise obtain."

ANALYSIS: TRUMP CONTINUES FUNDING OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD BY SIGNING CONTINUING RESOLUTION. The Daily Caller (9/12, Carr, 521K) reports that by signing the continuing resolution on Friday, President Trump continued current funding of Planned Parenthood until at least December 8, despite his promises to the contrary during the campaign. The Daily Caller adds that the Administration did "stop all funding to abortion providers via Medicaid and Title X programs" and has said that Trump's budget will prohibit funding for entities that provide abortions, including Planned Parenthood.

OPINION: EXPANDING MEDICAID IN MAINE WILL HELP HOSPITALS, ECONOMY. James Myall writes in the Portland (ME) Press Herald (9/12, 191K) that the ballot measure to expand Medicaid will help more than 70,000 low-income Mainers working in low-wage jobs get access to affordable healthcare. Myall criticizes Maine Gov. Paul LePage (R) and his "series of false or misleading statements" opposed to expansion. He argues that expansion will provide over $500 million in new federal funds every year to the state's hospitals and health centers, and concludes that the "evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of Medicaid expansion, so opponents rely on alternative facts, distortions and misrepresentations. It won't work."

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CANDIDATE FOR COLORADO GOVERNOR PROPOSES MEDICAID-FOR-ALL HEALTHCARE PLAN. The Denver Post (9/12, Frank, 817K) reports that Colorado gubernatorial candidate Cary Kennedy is proposing a "Medicaid-for-all" healthcare system for Colorado. Under the proposal, anyone on the individual market could join the Medicaid system or the state employee healthcare plan. Those individuals would "pay the full cost of their coverage with premiums" but she could not provide what that estimated cost would be. The piece adds that other states are considering similar plans, like Nevada which passed a Medicaid-for-all bill this year but it was vetoed by the governor. The Post also discusses the plans of other contenders as well as criticisms from Republicans who want to reduce the size of Medicaid.

ARIZONA SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE MEDICAID EXPANSION CASE. The AP (9/12) reports that the Arizona Supreme Court will hear a challenge from Republican lawmakers to the Medicaid expansion who argue that a hospital assessment that pays the state costs is unconstitutional. The lawmakers say the assessment is a tax that requires a two-thirds supermajority to pass. Both the trial court and the court of appeals held the hospital assessment to be constitutional, ruling against the Republican state lawmakers who are represented by the Goldwater Institute.

OP-ED: MEDICAID EXPANSION COULD HELP THE HOMELESS. Public health student Stephanie Burdick writes in an op-ed in the Deseret (UT) News (9/12, 381K) that "Medicaid expansion can provide the much-needed funding and affordable health care to address the needs of our homeless friends and the tens of thousands of other low-income Utahns left uninsured." Burdick discusses five ways Medicaid expansion can help, including increasing access to primary care providers and treatment for mental health and opioid abuse.

Health & Medical News:

SEN. MCCAIN TO RECEIVE BRAIN CANCER TREATMENT AT NIH WHILE CONTINUING SENATE WORK. The Washington Post (9/12, Sullivan, 10.38M) "PowerPost" reports Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) will undergo treatment for brain cancer at the National Institutes of Health as he continues to attend to his duties in the Senate, his office said Tuesday. In a statement, his office said McCain received an MRI at the NIH in Bethesda on Monday. "Following the advice of his doctors, Senator McCain will continue to receive targeted radiation and chemotherapy treatments at NIH while maintaining a regular work schedule in the United States Senate," the statement said.

The AP (9/12) reports the 81-year-old senator "disclosed his diagnosis in July, and returned home for treatment after casting the decisive vote to kill Republican legislation to repeal and replace the Obama health law." McCain said in a weekend CNN interview that he is confident about defeating brain cancer, but also said, "Every life has to end one way or another."

Also covering this story are USA Today (9/12, Estepa, 8.62M), CBS News (9/12, 4.42M), Arizona Republic (9/12, 968K), The Hill (9/12, Carney, 1.68M), Roll Call (9/12, Williams, 134K), and Washington Examiner (9/12, 465K).

MENOPAUSAL HORMONE THERAPY DRUGS APPEAR NOT TO INCREASE RISK OF PREMATURE DEATH, RESEARCHERS SAY. In "Well," the New York Times (9/12, Bakalar, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "The largest and longest clinical trials to date of menopausal hormone therapy have found that the drugs do not increase the risk of premature death," researchers reported. In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Endocrine Society member and study lead author JoAnn E. Manson, MD, DrPH, FACE, "chief of the division of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital," and colleagues "reported the results of two randomized trials." In one trial, "16,608 women took either a placebo or a combination of estrogen and progesterone for an average of 5.6 years." In the second trial "10,739 women took either a placebo or estrogen alone for an average of 7.2 years. The women were 50 to 79 years old."

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NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 7, 2:05, Holt, 16.61M) NBC: Menopause-Hormone Therapy Safety. (story 7, 2:05 Holt 09/12) reports that the study concludes that "women who choose" hormone therapy drugs "are no more likely to die years later than those who do not."

The AP (9/12, Tanner) reports, "The new results are reassuring and support current advice: Hormones may be appropriate for some women when used short-term to relieve hot flashes and other bothersome menopause symptoms," the study concluded. Dr. Manson said, "It's the ultimate bottom line." When a patient wants "to know' is this medication going to kill me'...the answer appears to be no, she said."

According to MedPage Today (9/12, Minerd, 60K), the author of an accompanying editorial (9/12, 745K) wrote, "This information will be helpful in counseling women considering whether to start hormone therapy and hopefully will alleviate concerns that many patients and physicians have about the initiation of hormone therapy." The study received its funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Also covering the story are Reuters (9/12, Rapaport), Los Angeles Times (9/12, Healy, 4.49M) and TIME (9/12, Park, 5.85M), TODAY (9/12, Fox, Silverman, 1.25M).

NEW TEXAS SCHOOL BUSES REQUIRED TO HAVE SEAT BELTS. The Dallas Morning News (9/12, Email, 984K) reports that as of this month, all 2018 and later model school buses in Texas must be equipped with "three-point" shoulder lap belts for each passenger. School districts may opt of the requirement, but only after conducting an open vote following a public hearing. The American Academy of Pediatrics and National Safety Council have "long endorsed seat belts in school buses." The National Highway Safety Traffic Association, "in a bellwether switch," also endorsed seat belts on buses in late 2015.

EXTENDED BREASTFEEDING CAN HELP PREVENT ENDOMETRIOSIS. Reuters (9/12, Harding) reports in continuing coverage that a new study suggests women who nurse their babies are less likely to develop to endometriosis. The longer they breastfeed, the study found, the lower the risk. Study co-author Dr. Leslie V. Farland of Harvard Medical School said, "For women who are interested in reducing their risk for endometriosis, breastfeeding is one potential modifiable way that women can reduce their risk."

SHULKIN: CANINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BENEFITS VETERANS, NEEDS SENATE'S PRESERVATION. U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin writes in a USA Today (9/12, 8.62M) op-ed that legislation recently tacked on "to an unrelated spending bill passed by the House of Representatives would eliminate" the VA's "canine research program." Shulkin says the legislation, if approved by the Senate, "would stop potential VA canine research-related medical advancements that offer seriously disabled veterans the hope of a better future." Shulkin calls on the Senate to "take a stand and preserve humane and carefully supervised canine research at VA."

The Washington Examiner (9/12, Kasperowicz, 465K) reports that the "language banning most dog testing at the VA passed in an easy voice vote in the House, but opposition to it has grown since then." The article says the Senate's vote could take place "in the coming weeks."

PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR ASKS MARIJUANA GROWER TO RESCIND LAWSUIT OVER STATE'S PERMIT AWARDS. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (9/12, Schmitt, 236K) reports that marijuana grower Keystone ReLeaf LLC filed a lawsuit against Pennsylvania on Friday after the company failed to win a permit "to grow and process marijuana in the state." Keystone ReLeaf alleges "bias and favoritism" in the state's permit selections and "has asked the court to rescind all awarded permits and start again from scratch." State Sen. Daylin Leach wrote a letter asking the company to withdraw its case, saying, "If the entire program is delayed, people will be forced to needlessly endure excruciating pain, agony, and, in some cases, death."

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HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY INTRIGUED BY DIAGNOSTIC POTENTIAL OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Parmar, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that deep-learning artificial intelligence has the potential to greatly increase the accuracy of medical diagnoses, and many companies throughout the healthcare industry are attempting to develop the technology.

Researchers Working On Various Ways To Improve Diagnoses. In a separate article, the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Landro, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) details several of the most encouraging ways researchers are attempting to minimize misdiagnoses, including establishing computerized tracking systems and large-scale information sharing networks.

BREXANOLONE FAILS TO MEET MAIN GOAL IN TRIAL FOR PATIENTS WITH SUPER-REFRACTORY STATUS EPILEPTICUS. Reuters (9/12, Grover) reports that Sage Therapeutics' brexanolone "failed to meet the main goal of a key trial" in "patients with super-refractory status epilepticus (SRSE) whose seizures persisted despite earlier treatments." According to Reuters, the failure raises "concerns about the future of the study."

STAT (9/12, Feuerstein, 43K) reports that the drug failed to cause a statistically significant benefit over the placebo. Sage "continues to study brexanolone in other neuropsychiatric diseases, including a phase 3 clinical trial of women with severe postpartum depression." Results from that study "are expected later this year."

Fierce Biotech (9/12, Adams) reports that brexanolone "essentially matching a dummy treatment (43.9% vs 42.4%; p=0.8775) when added to standard-of-care."

Additional coverage is provided by Forbes (9/12, Herper, 5.11M) and the Boston Business Journal (9/12, Seiffert, Subscription Publication, 896K).

23ANDME USING CUSTOMER'S DNA DATA TO DEVELOP NEW DRUGS. CNN Money (9/12, O'Brien, 3.59M) reports that genetic testing startup 23andMe is leveraging consumer data "for disease research and developing drug therapies." The company "is currently running research programs dedicated to a range of areas, like oncology, skin, and cardiovascular disease" and is using the data "to help academic and pharmaceutical partners develop new therapies for diseases like Parkinson's, irritable bowel syndrome, and lupus."

MAJOR HEALTHCARE COMPANIES INVEST IN "ELECTROCEUTICALS" STARTUP. STAT (9/12, Piller, 43K) reports that "electoceuticals" startup SetPoint Medical raised $30 million in another round of investment, with major companies like Medtronic, Boston Scientific, and GlaxoSmithKline investing. The field of "electoceuticals" is premised on the idea that "narrowly targeted electrical pulses could — in theory — prove a benign way to treat an array of conditions from asthma to arthritis to incontinence, without the need for prescription drugs." The article mentions that the National Institutes of Health "has poured tens of millions into studying the concept." However, electroceuticals remains a "nascent industry," with companies like SetPoint "still in the early days of trying to turn an intriguing concept into a proven medical product."

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY OVERWHELMINGLY PASSES DRUG PRICING TRANSPARENCY BILL. STAT (9/12, Silverman, 43K) reports that California's state Assembly "overwhelmingly passed" a bill that would require drugmakers "to report and justify price hikes." The bill "has been vociferously fought by the pharmaceutical industry" and "could become one of the most comprehensive state efforts to address pricing transparency."

PROSTATE CANCER EXPERTS OFFER TIPS ON SCREENING, TREATING PROSTATE CANCER. The Wilmington (DE) News Journal (9/12, Newman, 424K) features tips from prostate cancer experts concerning what "men need to know about the disease," in honor of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. The News Journal reports that the US Preventative Services Task

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Force did not make a final recommendation concerning best screening methods for prostate cancer; however, in April they did recommend men between ages 55 and 69 “talk to their doctors about the benefits and harms of [prostate-specific antigen] screening.” Experts also warn that prostate cancer symptoms typically do not emerge until the disease reaches an advanced stage, making early detection even more important; for treatment, both chemotherapy and hormonal therapies are options.

SCIENTISTS CRITICIZE STUDY DISPUTING ANONYMITY OF GENOME RESEARCH. The San Diego Union-Tribune (9/12, Fikes, 668K) reports a study finding that the identity of people who donated genomes for genomic research could be deduced is generating blow-back from genomic researchers who “anonymize genomes and follow health privacy laws,” and insist genomic information cannot be tied to their individual. According to geneticist Mark Shriver, “I don’t think this paper raises those risks, because they haven’t demonstrated any ability to individuate this person from DNA.”

MICROSCOPIC PARTICLES FROM TATTOO INK CAN GET INTO LYMPH NODES, STUDY SUGGESTS. AFP (9/12) reports that research suggests “microscopic particles from tattoo ink can migrate into the body and wind up in lymph nodes.” These “tiny particles...include molecules from preservatives and contaminants such as nickel, chromium, manganese and cobalt.” The findings (9/12, 177K) were published in Scientific Reports.

AT LEAST 12 PEDIATRIC HEART PATIENTS AT NEW ORLEANS HOSPITAL HAVE INFECTED INCISIONS, POSSIBLY FROM CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT. The AP (9/12, McConnaughey) reports that at least 12 kids who underwent “heart surgery at Children’s Hospital in New Orleans during the summer have infected incisions, apparently from contaminated equipment.” The FDA “reported last October that a certain model of bypass machines’ heater-cooler units had been linked to infections with a related germ, Mycobacterium chimaera.” The same “model was used at Children’s Hospital.”

CBS News (9/12, 4.42M) reports that the hospital “sent out 55 letters to patients who potentially could have been infected.”

FORBES CONTRIBUTOR DISCUSSES STUDY FINDING GENERIC CHEMO WILL NOT HELP BRING DOWN HIGH COST OF DRUGS. Forbes (9/12, 5.11M) contributor Arlene Weintraub writes that “the drop in capecitabine’s price isn’t enough to support the notion that encouraging generic competition will help bring down the high cost of drugs...argue” the authors of a study published in JAMA Internal Medicine. Weintraub continues, “If ‘similar modest price decreases are observed for other orally administered anticancer drugs following generic entry, generic competition alone may not be sufficient to curb oncology spending,’ they conclude in the paper.”

EXCESS BELLY FAT MAY INCREASE RISK OF SOME CANCERS IN OLDER WOMEN, STUDY SUGGESTS. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, 1.16M) reports that research suggests women with an “apple-shape” may be linked to a higher risk of certain cancers.

HealthDay (9/12, Preidt, 11K) reports that investigators “followed nearly 5,900 Danish postmenopausal women for up to 12 years and found that abdominal fat was a bigger factor than body weight when it came to the risk of lung and gastrointestinal cancers.” The research was presented at a European Society for Medical Oncology meeting.

HIV CONTINUES TO AFFECT MANY, PROMPTING CALLS FOR FURTHER TESTING, TREATMENT. The Huffington Post (9/12, Almendrala, 5.74M) reports that while antiretroviral therapy has made HIV a manageable condition for many patients, the disease has still claimed many lives, with 6,721 Americans dying from HIV-related causes and 12,333 Americans with HIV dying of any cause in 2014. Although treatment is available, many people do not seek it out because they are unaware of funding assistance, or they do not know they have HIV. The article profiles CDC data showing US populations with the highest rates of HIV, and offers

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recommendations on preventing further diagnoses and deaths.

HARVARD STUDENTS WARNED ABOUT HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK. The Boston Globe (9/12, Meyers, 969K) reports Harvard University administrators have issued warnings to students about a recent outbreak of hand, foot, and mouth disease. A university spokesman said cases have been isolated to certain on-campus residences, "although he did not name the specific residences affected."

OPINION: TRAINING NURSES' AIDES COULD REDUCE HOME HEALTHCARE COSTS. Paul Osterman, author and professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management, writes in an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) about the high costs of home healthcare services, which stem in part from requiring registered nurses to perform tasks such as administering eyedrops. Some healthcare experts have suggested home health aides could present a remedy for the rising costs, saying that with additional training, they could take on more tasks now performed by nurses.

HOSPITALS USING ALERT SYSTEMS TO CUT BACK ON UNNECESSARY CARE PROCEDURES. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Evans, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports hospitals are turning increasingly to digital alert systems that require physicians to reconsider treatment options in an effort to reduce instances of unnecessary care procedures. A 2014 study in JAMA Internal Medicine found costs for such procedures total $1.8 billion each year. The American College of Cardiology has recommended a system to prevent physicians from performing unnecessary cardiac imaging tests, suggesting they do not perform them on new patients unless the patients present other issues that put them at risk.

GENETIC TESTING FOR PARENTS, EMBRYOS RISING AS PRICES FALL. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Wallace, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports on the increasing prevalence of genetic testing in parents and embryos as costs for testing have fallen. Nearly half-a-dozen companies are offering testing for much less than the nearly $5,000 screenings offered about a decade ago. Tests also have increased in accuracy, helping lead more parents to seek them as a form of family planning.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SEE INNOVATION IN 3-D PRINTING FOR HEALTHCARE. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, McConnon, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports medical professionals are turning to 3-D printing for treatment research and development as well as surgery planning and medication creation. Research institutions such as the Mayo Clinic are relying on 3-D printing as manufacturers develop healthcare-specific technology to support medical researchers' needs.

MANY MOISTURIZERS MARKETED AS "HYPOALLERGENIC" MAY CONTAIN CHEMICAL IRRITANTS, STUDY FINDS. Reuters (9/12, Rapaport) reports a study published in JAMA Dermatology found that many skin moisturizers touted as being able to remedy issues such as eczema and that are labeled as being "hypoallergenic" or "fragrance-free" may contain chemical irritants. Researchers surveyed Amazon, Target, and Walmart for their top 100 best-selling body moisturizers sold online, finding that during an assessment of the products' ability to moisturize skin, whether they cause allergic reactions, and how much they cost, only 12 percent "of the 174 individual products tested were free of allergens."

HOSPITALS IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ER WAIT TIMES. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Kincaid, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports on efforts by hospitals to reduce emergency room wait times, saying many are reworking or eliminating triage, slimming management processes by cutting down on waste time, addressing minor patient issues quickly, and scheduling elective surgeries more evenly.

TELEMEDICINE HERALDED AS MEANS OF HELPING PREGNANT WOMEN FACING HEALTH RISKS. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, McKay, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports

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on the expanded use of telemedicine for women with high-risk pregnancies or who may be at risk of such pregnancies. Some medical professionals say telemedicine offers women in rural or isolated areas better access to specialized healthcare. American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists president Haywood Brown said the expansion of telemedicine for prenatal care and labor and delivery is a priority for the organization, adding that it leads to improved care quality and reductions to healthcare costs. The organization has formed a task force to establish standards for telemedicine use.

LABOR WARD CULTURE MAY IMPACT RATE OF C-SECTIONS, RESEARCHERS SAY. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Marcus, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports researchers are working to reduce the number of Cesarean section deliveries by targeting the labor ward culture. One recent study suggested that hospitals with management that often proactively worked to lessen the difficulty of challenges before they arise had higher rates of C-sections.

PREGNANT WOMEN EXPOSED TO PESTICIDES MAY HAVE HIGHER RISK OF DELIVERING PRETERM BABIES, STUDY FINDS. Reuters (9/12, Cohen) reports a study published in the journal Nature Communications found that pregnant women exposed to the highest number of agricultural pesticides in California's San Joaquin Valley had a higher risk of giving birth prematurely and delivering babies with low birth weights. Mothers who lived closest to areas with the highest percentage of pesticides "had an 11 percent increased probability of preterm delivery and a 20 percent increased probability of having a low birth-weight baby." Researchers found "women exposed to the top 25 percent of pesticide loads in the San Joaquin Valley had babies with no detectable effect," although "those in the top 5 percent of exposures had increases in the range of 5 to 9 percent in adverse outcomes."

FLORIDA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY HOUSES PATIENTS DURING IRMA DESPITE LACKING ELECTRICITY FOR THREE DAYS. The Washington Post (9/12, Sullivan, 10.38M) reports on Cape Coral Shores, a Florida assisted care facility that housed 20 patients during Hurricane Irma and lost power for three days "as elderly patients suffered in the rising heat." The facility kept the patients during Irma due to "an agreement with state and local officials because the emergency shelters it would normally use in Fort Lauderdale and Sarasota were both evacuated." The Post reports neighboring homes and businesses regained power days before the facility, which saw its indoor temperature reach "the mid-80s Tuesday morning." Facility CEO Dan Nelson said the utility company did not list Cape Coral Shores as a medical provider, or it would have restored power sooner.

SHOCKED FLORIDA KEYS RESIDENTS STUNNED BY IRMA'S WRECKAGE. Reuters (9/13, Sullivan) reports on evacuees who returned to their homes on Wednesday morning to find their homes and workplaces destroyed. The piece discusses the aftermath in the Florida Keys, where some roads are beginning to open up to allow residents to survey the damage caused by Hurricane Irma. The storm destroyed 25 percent of homes and 65 percent suffered damage, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator Brock Long, and 5.8 million Floridians remain without power.

THERAPEUTIC VACCINES OFFER NEW PROGRESS FOR CANCER TREATMENT. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Gormley, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports therapeutic vaccines for cancer offer a new type of treatment that addresses cancers by prompting immune cells to attack the disease and do not cause the side effects associated with treatments such as chemotherapy. Much like conventional vaccines, the therapeutic treatments instruct the immune system to target specific dangers, specifically tumor cells bearing the biomarker called antigens. The Journal reports on several companies developing vaccines.

DEATHS DUE TO CANCER HAVE FALLEN BUT NEW DIAGNOSES EXPECTED TO RISE, STUDY FINDS. STAT (9/13, Thielking, 43K) reports a study released Wednesday by the American Association for Cancer Research found that the number of cancer deaths in the US has fallen by 25 percent for adults and 35 percent for children since 1991. Despite this, researchers

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anticipate cancer to grow in prevalence, with the number of new cancer diagnoses expected to rise from 1.7 million in 2017 to 2.3 million in 2030 due to a large aging population, high rates of obesity, and a large number of people who are not physically active. STAT mentions Congress' recent move to provide the NIH with $36.2 billion in funding for the next fiscal year.

HOSPITALS INCREASINGLY ENCOURAGE PATIENTS TO PRACTICE MOBILITY PRIOR TO BEING DISCHARGED. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Ward, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports many hospitals are encouraging patients to practice mobility prior to being discharged despite facilities' earlier fears of causing falls. Some medical experts say that remaining immobilized for several days can lead to permanent declines in bodily function, making it challenging for patients to return home and resume ordinary activities. Nearly 40 hospitals and health systems, supported by CMS' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and its Mobility Action Group, have initiated pilot programs to encourage patients to leave their beds and become more mobile.

SOCIAL MEDIA BECOMES HOTBED OF COMPETITION AMONG PLASTIC SURGEONS WHO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE LICENSES. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Rubin, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports plastic surgeons are using social media sites such as Instagram and Snapchat to compete for clients. The shift also has attracted the presence of some plastic surgery practitioners who are not qualified in plastic surgery. According to one study, fewer than 18 percent of the most popular plastic surgery-related Instagram posts came from surgeons licensed by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and many others were posted by physicians with expertise in other fields who did not have the specialized training to perform the procedure. Health experts commenting on the phenomenon said the trends could leave patients at risk of injuries.

TEXAS CALLS ON AIR FORCE TO SPRAY INSECTICIDES IN EFFORT TO LIMIT POST-HARVEY MOSQUITO POPULATION. Reuters (9/12, Kumar) reports Texas is beginning "aerial attacks on mosquitoes" that have covered coastal areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey, prompting state authorities to use USAir Force C-130 cargo planes to spray "insecticides over three eastern Texas counties over the weekend." The effort will expand to other locations throughout the next two weeks, with nearly 1.85 million acres having been treated as of Tuesday, according to officials from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The state has confirmed "441 human cases of West Nile virus and 21 deaths since the start of 2016" and 342 Zika cases during the same period.

OP-ED: PBMS PLAY ESSENTIAL ROLE IN LOWERING PRESCRIPTION COSTS. Edmund J. Pezalla, MD, MPH, consultant on payer strategy for pharmaceutical and device manufacturers and scholar-in-residence at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, writes in an op-ed in The Hill (9/12, 1.68M) that with "so much rancor and finger pointing these days over prescription drug prices," consumers can rely on pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to advocate for lower prescription treatment prices. According to Dr. Pezalla, PBMs are in the unique position "to reduce drug costs by negotiating for rebates and discounts from big drug companies and drugstores." Dr. Pezalla says that because PBMs are involved directly in the process of reviewing medical evidence for FDA-approved treatments, assisting in managing treatment side effects, and supporting in creating formularies for patients to "stay on their drug regimens and out of the hospital," they also help reduce medication "costs for patients and the entire health care system."

OPINION: ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS CAN ENABLE CLINICAL TRIALS IN PHYSICIANS' OFFICES. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M), Dr. Amy Abernethy, chief medical officer and chief scientific officer at Flatiron Health, and Dr. Sean Khozin, an acting associate director in the FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence and founding director of the agency's Information Exchange and Data Transformation Program, write that electronic medical records are paving the way for modern clinical drug trials using real-time, detailed data collected at the point of care, in physicians offices. The authors write that such trials are not yet common practice due to impediments such as a lack of technical and organizational

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infrastructure, which prevent them from meeting the higher standards of conventional trials.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES IMPLEMENT OUCTOMES-BASED PRICING DESPITE LACK OF EVIDENCE TO SHOW IT LOWERS COSTS. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Loftus, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports pharmaceutical companies increasingly are tying part of their reimbursements from insurers to how well treatments perform in patients in an effort to lower costs for consumers. This practice, known as value-based or outcomes-based pricing, is becoming more popular and has attracted the attention of legislators and is even the subject of a White House executive order that would require federal health programs to implement such contracts. Despite this, many companies and insurers say there is a dearth of evidence to suggest the contracts have lowered prescription prices.

PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE VACCINE MYTHS DESPITE BEING PRESENTED FACTS, STUDY FINDS. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Dizik, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports a study published in the journal PLOS One examining the prevalence of belief in myths about vaccines found that those who believed that certain vaccines have harmful effects on children maintained their beliefs or said their beliefs were stronger after being shown facts correcting the misinformation. Researchers found that many people may continue to believe such statements because they are more familiar with them than they are with new, correct information. While many study participants were unable to remember the source of the information they received or whether it was valid, they recalled parts of what they heard, researchers said.

OHIO'S HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS FIGHT BILL THAT WOULD END FLU VACCINE REQUIREMENTS. The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (9/12, Siegel, 456K) reports that a bill passed out of a House committee in the Ohio legislature that would "'empower Ohioans' to refuse a flu vaccine without placing their jobs in jeopardy." Hospitals, physicians, and "essentially all of the state's largest health care associations" are opposed to the bill because they see it as "threatening employers' rights to enforce safety precautions in their workplaces." Supporters, however, argue that employer-mandated flu vaccines are an "egregious violation of personal freedom," and that the shot has a "low rate of effectiveness" and can cause side effects. The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics says influenza is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in the nation. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services includes flu vaccines as part of its reporting requirements for quality measures.

PITT RESEARCHER TO STUDY EFFECTIVENESS OF NEW YORK'S SEPSIS LAW. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (9/12, Venteicher, 236K) reports that a University of Pittsburgh researcher, Dr. Jeremy Kahn, is launching a four-year study of New York state's regulations on sepsis to examine the policy's effectiveness and whether there were any "unintended negative consequences." New York's law requires hospitals to speed up treatment and follow protocols of "taking blood cultures to guide diagnosis and treatment, analyzing lactate levels that can signify septic shock and administering fluids and antibiotics." According to the National Institutes of Health, sepsis "contributes to as many as half of all hospital deaths." The study will also compare New York's clinical outcomes to those in other states, including Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Washington, and Florida.

STUDY FINDS CASES OF HOOKWORM IN ALABAMA. NPR (9/12, Whitehead, 2.4M) reports that a new study published this month has uncovered a community in one of the poorest counties in the US, Lowndes County, Alabama, where 19 of the 55 individuals tested were positive for hookworm. Hookworm remains common in developing nations, but was thought to be eradicated in the US between 1950 and 1980. The parasite is transmitted when an infected person defecates outside and, after the eggs hatch in the soil, the worms can latch on to bare feet and burrow to the small intestine. Dr. David Diemert, a hookworm expert at George Washington University, said, "I was very surprised by this. ... There has not been any documentation of people being infected in the U.S. for the past couples of decades; we thought there was no more local transmission in the U.S."

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LONELINESS CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH, EXPERTS SAY. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Holland, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that medical experts are calling for a public health campaign to address loneliness and social isolation based on research showing they can lead to an early death. The article examines some senior living facilities' programs to address social isolation, including setting up child care services, adopting co-housing where homes are near each other surrounding a common shared space, hotlines, and intergenerational social activities.

INCREASED USE OF MARIJUANA BY PREGNANT WOMEN SPURS NEVADA CAMPAIGN. The Las Vegas Review-Journal (9/12, Harasim, 458K) reports that Nevada officials are preparing a public information campaign airing TV and radio ads to address the increasing rates of marijuana use in the state after recreational use was legalized. The ads will highlight the potential harm to the fetus. However, Nevada's chief health officer Dr. John DiMuro says "there is no definitive research about pot's effects on the fetus" because the "[r]esearch is not consistent." Studies have shown, he adds, that the "strongest consensus" is that exposure to the drug could cause developmental delay for elementary school-aged children.

OPINION: PAYMENT METHODS FOR PHYSICIANS ARE HURTING HEALTHCARE. Howard Forman, a Yale University professor of radiology, writes in the Wall Street Journal (9/12, 6.45M) that Medicare's reimbursement system causes compensation to be higher for specialists than it is for internists, pediatricians, and family medicine physicians. Forman points to an emphasis on the number of procedures and volume, rather than on prevention and outcomes. He urges government and private payers to continue to move towards reimbursement premised on outcomes, not volume of services.

SAN DIEGO HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK LEADS TO 16 DEATHS, SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SLOWING. The San Diego Union-Tribune (9/12, Sisson, 668K) reports that Tuesday's update from the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency confirms that the hepatitis A outbreak "shows no signs of slowing," as the death toll rose to 16 and the number of confirmed cases increased to 421, up 23 since last week. The county declared a public emergency on September 1 which included an ongoing vaccination campaign and the installation of hand-washing stations for the homeless, "who have been hit hardest by the outbreak." Mayor Kevin Faulconer has a scheduled news conference on Wednesday to discuss a plan to build temporary shelters for hundreds of those living on the streets which will provide beds, showers, restrooms and hand-washing stations.

UTAH OFFICIALS RELEASE DATA ON RISING SUICIDE TREND AS PART OF WIDER PREVENTION EFFORT. The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (9/13, Ramseth, 337K) reports that the Utah Department of Health released numbers showing that Utah's suicide rate so far in 2017 remains "roughly on pace to meet or surpass last year's preliminary one-year record of 638 suicide deaths," placing Utah as the state with the fifth-highest suicide rate in the country. The article adds that health, education, and other experts are "attacking the problem on several fronts," including pushing mental health "first aid" and suicide intervention training, firearm awareness programs, and the release of this data, as well as the state Board of Education's hiring of an "education specialist to work on suicide issues."

LUBBOCK, TEXAS CONFIRMS ITS FIRST WEST NILE VIRUS CASE OF THE YEAR. The Houston Chronicle (9/12, Ramirez, 1.97M) reports that city officials in Lubbock, Texas, confirmed the first case of West Nile virus of 2017 in the city. The state now has reported 71 cases. Last year, Texas officials counted 370 human cases and 18 fatalities.

US HOUSE PASSES BILL CALLING FOR STUDY OF CANCER AMONG FIREFIGHTERS. The Buffalo (NY) News (9/12, Zremski, 362K) reports that the US House of Representatives unanimously passed the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act on Tuesday, which would authorize $2 million in funding for a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention registry of firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer. The bill was seen as the first step towards bolstering federal research into

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the health effects on firefighters because of their work. Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY) sponsored the bill and referenced the continued loss of 9/11 first responders from "ongoing health effects" of the attacks.

CALIFORNIA BILL TO CREATE "SAFE INJECTION SITES" FOR DRUG USERS FAILS IN STATE SENATE. The Los Angeles Times (9/12, Mason, 4.49M) reports that the California Senate rejected a "controversial proposal to allow certain California counties and cities to establish sites where people could inject drugs without legal consequences" on Tuesday night. The injection centers would permit users of heroin and other intravenous drugs a setting with "clean needles and under the supervision of trained staff" to prevent overdose. Opponents warned that the centers "would enable illegal activity." The bill came up two votes short and may come up again before the Legislature adjourns later this week.

TMS TREATMENTS FOR HARD-TO-TREAT DEPRESSION NOW MUCH EASIER TO GET. The Boston Globe (9/12, Freyer, 969K) reports that transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) treatments for hard-to-treat depression have "become much easier to get." Now TMS is "covered by Medicare and most health insurers, which will pay roughly $10,000 or more for a course of" the treatment, "provided three or four medications and psychotherapy have failed." Consequently, "it's feasible for private psychiatric practices to purchase the machines and for TMS-only clinics to spring up." The Globe points out that the Food and Drug Administration "cleared the first TMS device for depression in 2008."

SCREENING MOTHERS FOR DEPRESSION DURING EARLY WELL-CHILD VISITS MAY LEAD TO SIGNIFICANTLY FEWER REPORTS OF DEPRESSION AT NINE MONTHS POSTPARTUM, STUDY SAYS. In continuing coverage, CNN (9/12, Scutti, 33.59M) reports, "Screening mothers for depression during early well-child visits led to significantly fewer reports of depression at nine months postpartum," researchers found after studying some 3,000 women in the Netherlands. The study revealed that only "3% of the screened mothers experienced minor or major depression at nine months postpartum, compared with 8.4% of the mothers who weren't screened during the visits." The findings were published online Sept. 12 in Pediatrics.

EXPERTS PUZZLED BY US MALE INFERTILITY CRISIS. Newsweek (9/12, Walsh, 991K) reports researchers suspect environmental toxins, "specifically, endocrine-disrupting chemicals found in compounds like bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates," can cause reduction in male sperm counts. The production of sperm is "tightly regulated by the body's hormones, and so any interference with those hormones – say, through exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals – could make itself felt first through damage to sperm quantity or quality." Several Endocrine Society members are quoted in the article, including University of Texas toxicologist Andrea Gore.

Global Health:

PROGRESS ON GLOBAL POVERTY, DISEASE AT RISK, GATES SAYS. Reuters (9/13, Kelland) reports philanthropist Bill Gates warns that proposed US budget cuts threaten "great progress in reducing poverty and disease" and could lead to 5 million more AIDS deaths. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation released its global health report on Wednesday, co-authored by Gates and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluations at the University of Washington, which analyzed progress against diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis and tracked rates of poverty, maternal and infant death, access to contraception, sanitation, and other development issues. For example, the report said a 10 percent cut in "global donor funding for HIV treatment" could cost more than 5 million deaths by 2030. President Trump has proposed cutting global health programs by 24 percent, but both Democrats and many Republicans have "blasted his plan."

FRANCE PLANS TO LEGALIZE ASSISTED REPRODUCTION FOR LESBIANS NEXT YEAR. Reuters (9/12) reports that France intends to legalize access to assisted reproduction for lesbian

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couples and single women in 2018. France's minister for gender equality, Marlene Schiappa, called it "a matter of social justice" and "a campaign promise" that "will be honored." Schiappa "said a bill would likely pass through parliament" next year.

EFFORTS TO CONTAIN NORTHEAST NIGERIA'S CHOLERA OUTBREAK HAMPERED AS REFUGEES UNDERREPORT ILLNESSES. Reuters (9/12) reports that individuals in northeast Nigeria "are failing to report suspected cases" of cholera to health officials, hindering efforts to contain the outbreak, according to the United Nations. The article says "the number of suspected cholera cases had jumped to 1,626 as of Sept. 11," resulting in 40 deaths so far. Reuters states the rainy season has contributed to the disease's spread "in densely populated [refugee] camps" plagued by "unsanitary conditions."

HEALTH OFFICIALS CONCERNED ABOUT REEMERGENCE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. The Huffington Post (9/12, McNeish, 5.74M) reports public health experts are concerned that rates of African trypanosomiasis, commonly known as sleeping sickness, may be on the rise in rural areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to Crispin Lumbala, the DRC's director of the Ministry of Health's National Programme for Seeping Sickness Control, "The real problem right now is a resurgence of the disease because we don't have a well-supported and effective surveillance program." Part of the issue is a decline in the number of mobile medical units capable of finding and treating sleeping sickness in the country, from 200 such units in the 1960s to only 30 today. Part of the issue is a decline in the number of mobile medical units capable of finding and treating sleeping sickness in the country, from 200 such units for a population of 12 million in the 1960s to only 30 today for a population of 80 million.

UNITEDHEALTH EXPLORING BID FOR CHILEAN HEALTH INSURER BANMÉDICA. Forbes (9/12, Japsen, 5.11M) reports UnitedHealth Group is in talks to buy Chile-based insurer and hospital operator Banmédica, which could be part of the insurer's growing interest in global healthcare markets where they can grow their business in emerging markets rather than the mature US market. According to Leerink Partners analist Ana Gupte, "Banmédica is very similar to [the UnitedHealth-owned] Amil, which is the largest Brazilian insurance company with a strong asset base that encompasses both owned and contracted hospitals, and a leading network of physicians and outpatient clinics. ... While the Brazilian deal with Amil for ~$5 B has not been without challenges, it offers [UnitedHealth] diversification into a new geography."

National News:

TRUMP TO TRAVEL TO FLORIDA THURSDAY TO SURVEY HURRICANE DAMAGE. USA Today (9/12, Jackson, 8.62M) reports the White House announced that President Trump will travel to Florida on Thursday to survey the damage from Hurricane Irma. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters, "The president and the entire administration continue to monitor the situation in Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Florida, Texas and all areas affected by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey." She also said that "details of the trip – including the exact location – are still being worked out." The Hill (9/12, Fabian, 1.68M), however, reports that the FAA "posted a travel advisory Tuesday that covers Fort Myers, on Florida's west coast," which "typically issued before the president travels to a destination in the US."

Jim Acosta said on CNN's Situation Room (9/12, 959K), "We're hearing through our sources that it appears at this point that [the President] will be in the Ft. Myers area, that part of southwest Florida that was so hard hit. ... This will obviously be another test for the President when he arrives on the ground down there."

NBC Nightly News (9/12, lead story, 3:10, Holt, 16.61M) and the CBS Evening News (9/12, lead story, 2:50, Mason, 11.17M) both briefly mentioned the President's trip in their lead stories, and Reuters (9/12) also reports briefly on the announcement by Sanders. The White House also tells NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 4, 2:40, Holt, 16.61M) that the President "is looking into possibility,

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down the line, of making a trip [to the US Virgin Islands], but at a time when it won't imperil those relief efforts." The New York Post (9/12, Rachman, Fears, 4.31M) reports Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp "said late Monday night" that Trump is planning to visit "within the next six or seven days." On its front page, the Washington Post (9/12, A1, Faiola, 10.38M) likewise reports on Mapp said in a telephone interview that "Trump...called him Monday and was due to survey the Virgin Islands damage this week. He would find, the governor said, an efficient response."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, Dupree, 1.16M) notes that "this would be the second trip in recent weeks to an area hit hard by a tropical system; Mr. Trump made two trips to the Gulf Coast, stopping in Texas and Louisiana, to get a look at damage and recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey."

The New York Post (9/12, Perez, 4.31M) similarly notes that the President, joined by First Lady Melania Trump, made two visits to Texas last month following Hurricane Harvey. "My concern continues for all impacted by the hurricanes," the first lady tweeted Tuesday. "Will fly to #Florida on Thursday w @potus to survey the damages from #HurricaneIrma." Politico (9/12, Nelson, 3.6M) reports that shortly after Sanders' announcement, Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Melania Trump, tweeted, "@flotus will travel to #Florida w POTUS on Thurs to survey aftermath of #HurricaneIrma."

Administration Earns "Bipartisan Praise." The Washington Post (9/12, Nakamura, 10.38M) reports that "facing off against a pair of historic storms," the Trump Administration "has earned bipartisan praise for coordinating the federal response with state and local officials, avoiding the type of catastrophe that marked the Bush administration's response to Katrina." While the pair of storms "wreaked widespread destruction that will take years and billions of dollars to recover from," the Post says that "for a Trump administration whose first eight months has been marked by internecine squabbles and a lack of legislative accomplishments, the initial competence in managing the storms represented a relief — and a rare chance to take credit." Overall, "emergency management veterans said, Trump and his team deserve acknowledgment for getting through the first phase of the crisis in a way that inspired public confidence."

Virgin Islands Delegate Stacey Plaskett said on CNN's Situation Room (9/12, 959K) that Irma "hit us almost direct impact while it was a Category 5. ... So St. Thomas and St. John have been tremendously affected by it. ... But I have to say we've had great support from FEMA, from the Department of Defense. Our governor has been working very closely with the federal government, along with our local emergency management agencies, first to prepare for this and now in the aftermath."

NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 4, 2:40, Holt, 16.61M) reported that a Coast Guard cutter loaded up with supplies traveled to St. Thomas on Tuesday. Also on board, TSA officers "with the critical goal of getting airport back up and running."

Without mentioning the Trump Administration, the New York Times (9/12, A1, Fausset, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on its front page that Hurricanes Harvey and Irma "may have revealed a largely unnoticed truth often buried under the news of unfolding tragedy: The United States appears to be improving in the way it responds to hurricanes, at a time when climate scientists say the threats from such storms, fueled by warming oceans, are growing only more dire." The Times says the 9/11 attacks "revolutionized the way American government coordinated disaster response," and Hurricane Katrina "stimulated a new and robust conversation about the power of natural disasters, and, more specifically, forced Americans to rethink the growing threats from floodwater."

Politico Analysis: Democrats Refrain From Using Storms To Criticize Trump's Climate Policies. Politico (9/12, Holden, Schor, 3.6M) reports Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have "handed Democrats their most potent opportunity in half a decade to hammer Republicans on climate change – with the massive storms giving tens of millions of Americans an up-front glimpse of the

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types of devastation the world faces if the warming planet spawns a surge in extreme weather. But instead, they're mostly keeping quiet." For now, Democrats "appear to be heeding the warnings of Trump appointees" like EPA Administrator Pruitt, who said last week that it's "very, very insensitive to the people in Florida" to talk about climate change now. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), "said he doesn't view the immediate aftermath of Harvey and Irma as heightening the sense of urgency to talk about global warming."

WPost Analysis: Trump's Praise Of Coast Guard Gives Service "Much-Needed" Boost. The Washington Post (9/12, Horton, 10.38M) reports that on Sunday, President Trump "singled out the Coast Guard for its suddenly high profile amid dueling catastrophic hurricanes, first during Harvey in Texas and now its early work providing assistance in the Florida region" in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The Post says Trump's "praise for the Coast Guard is a much-needed confidence boost for the service, which was roiled by early Trump administration proposals to cut $1.3 billion from its budget to help pay for the planned wall on the US-Mexico border."

USA Today (9/12, Moniuszko, 8.62M), however, reports that during Late Night on Monday, host Seth Meyers "didn't hold back while making fun of President Trump's comments on the storm," which praised the Coast Guard's "branding." "You'd think applauding the bravery of emergency responders like the Coast Guard would be one of the easiest things a president could do – but even that, it seems, is too much to ask of Donald Trump," Myers said. "Branding? The Coast Guard doesn't need to improve their brand, they're the Coast Guard. They're not Arby's."

Daily Caller Analysis: Telethon Gets "Political." In a report that was the lead story on Drudge Report Tuesday night, the Daily Caller (9/12, 521K) reports Stevie Wonder kicked off Tuesday's "Hand In Hand" telethon to raise money for hurricane recovery "by getting political." Wonder started the telethon, which was broadcast on every major network, by saying, "Anyone who believes that there's no such thing as global warming must be blind or unintelligent."

FLORIDA LAWMAKERS SEEK FEDERAL AID FOR IRMA CLEANUP. McClatchy (9/12, Daugherty, 67K) reports that "many members of Florida's congressional delegation couldn't be in Washington for votes on Tuesday, as the state began a massive cleanup after Hurricane Irma. But that hasn't stopped them from pressing colleagues who were spared Irma's wrath to join in their quest for federal help." Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is "urging Washington to treat her state as it did Texas just a week ago," but her call "will likely meet resistance from conservative Republicans who bristle at any new spending that doesn't include corresponding cuts elsewhere."

Florida Sen. Bill Nelson said on CNN's Situation Room (9/12, 917K), "Isn't it interesting that 90 members of the House of Representatives voted against the $15 billion package for Texas and Florida that we passed last week. That's only going to last for a few weeks. The massiveness for the storm here, and then what happened in Texas, is going to take a lot more. We are going to run out of money in a few weeks. We are going to have to do this again in October. Can you believe 90 members of the House of Representatives voted against this? It boggles my mind."

OMB Director Mulvaney was asked on Fox News' Special Report (9/12, 2.12M) if he knows how much money will ultimately be required for hurricane relief. Mulvaney said, "No, and we won't know for quite some time. That's why we have broken it up into smaller pieces. The amount of money we asked for last week that Congress gave us on a bipartisan basis was enough to get us through basically the middle of October. The numbers can change depending upon how substantial the damage was in Florida. A lot of this is still guesswork. It's early on. But we have enough money to buy time and learn about the damage in Texas, learned about the damage in Florida. But, it could be months before the totals are in."

The Orlando (FL) Sentinel (9/12, Shanklin, 603K) reports that the "speed and amount of federal aid that comes to Central Florida depends on everything from the amount of debris that gets carted away to how well counties prepared for the event." According to the Sentinel, "what was uncertain on Tuesday was whether Orange, Lake, Seminole or Osceola counties would become

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eligible for FEMA's 'individual assistance,' which gives survivors timely access to programs including unemployment assistance and housing assistance." It notes that by Tuesday, FEMA had already "approved 16 counties — mostly coastal — for the assistance."

The New York Times (9/12, Bidgood, Cochrane, Goldstein, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports Gov. Rick Scott said Tuesday that the state had "shifted its attention to recovery and rebuilding efforts, while working to get water and food to those who needed it and to restore access to fuel." Said Scott, "We've got a lot of work to do, but everybody's going to come together. We're going to get this state rebuilt."

FEMA: One Quarter Of Keys Homes Could Be Destroyed. The AP (9/12, Dearen, Mendoza) reports that search-and-rescue teams "made their way into the Florida Keys' farthest reaches Tuesday, while authorities rushed to repair the lone highway connecting the islands and deliver aid to Hurricane Irma's victims." FEMA Administrator Long "said that preliminary estimates suggested that 25 percent of the homes in the Keys were destroyed and 65 percent sustained major damage." The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Calvert, Kamp, Bernstein, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) quotes Long as saying, "Basically every house in the Keys was impacted in some way or another. This is why we ask people to leave."

Both the CBS Evening News (9/12, lead story, 2:50, Mason, 11.17M) and NBC Nightly News (9/12, lead story, 3:10, Holt, 16.61M) briefly noted Long's assessment in their lead story. CBS said that it remains unclear when residents will be allowed to return their homes in the lower Keys, and NBC said that while the "road to recovery may be longest in the Keys, but those who live here say they are ready to rebuild." ABC World News Tonight (9/12, lead story, 3:30, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "military teams from both the Army and the Air Force, [are] leading the recovery effort" in the Keys. NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 2, 1:20, Almaguer, 16.61M) reported that US Navy is also "deploying across the Florida Keys," conducting search-and-rescue missions, and delivering food and water.

The New York Times (9/12, Blinder, Santora, Yee, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that on Tuesday, evacuees were "still shut out of the islands" as "rescue teams like the Federal Emergency Management Agency crew from Los Angeles checked on those who had stayed behind."

The Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M), meanwhile, reports that satellite images from NASA show that in Key West, "damage is visible, however it appears to be less extensive than the islands in the Caribbean."

Millions Still Without Power In Florida. The Orlando (FL) Sentinel (9/12, Harris, 603K) reports Florida officials said Tuesday that "some of the 5.2 million customers statewide could be without power for a week or more. They say it will be the largest restoration process in history." Duke Energy spokeswoman Ann Marie Varga "said it will take time to get the lights back on because it suffered widespread damage to its transmission lines." Similarly, Florida Power and Light (FPL) "said customers who live on the west side of the state may not be restored until Sept. 22 while those on the east coast by Monday."

The South Florida Sun Sentinel (9/12, Davis, 530K) reports that FPL "promised" Tuesday that power "should be back on throughout South Florida by the end of the weekend," and the Naples (FL) Daily News (9/12, Riley, 142K) reports that a "small army of Florida Power and Light employees has been working to restore power in the state...but customers on the west coast will have to wait longer than others — up to as late as Sept. 22."

The CBS Evening News (9/12, story 2, 1:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported FPL alone "has to restore power to 1.5 million homes and businesses in South Florida's three major counties." ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 2, 2:15, Muir, 14.63M) reported that crews "have restored power to more than two million customers," and according to the Palm Beach (FL) Post (9/12, 273K), "As

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of 5 p.m. [on Tuesday], more than half of FPL's customers in Palm Beach County now have power restored." NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 3, 2:10, Holt, 16.61M) called it "the largest power restoration effort in US history. Local crews and teams from New York, Pennsylvania, even Minnesota, working to light up the southeast."

The Washington Post (9/12, Achenbach, Berman, 10.38M) reports that the "unprecedented outages...also unleashed a cascade effect across the region. Millions of people who fled Irma may struggle to return home for weeks as crews try to deal with downed lines, debris and a storm-swamped electrical grid. Electrical power is needed, too, to keep water and sanitation systems operating." Christopher Krebs, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection at DHS, said Tuesday morning that "as many as 15 million people in Florida lacked power, an astonishing figure that represented three-quarters of the state's entire population."

Flood Waters Recede In Downtown Jacksonville. The Florida Times-Union (9/12, Conarck, 199K) reports that floodwaters "receded by midday on Tuesday, but it was hardly business as usual in downtown Jacksonville, where business owners and electrical crews were assessing damages." The New York Times (9/12, Bidgood, Cochrane, Goldstein, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that the extent of the flooding in Jacksonville "shocked" residents and officials alike, Gov. Rick Scott said, adding, "So many areas that you would never have thought have flooded, have flooded."

ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 13, 1:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "members of the Coast Guard came from Kentucky, West Virginia, [and] Tennessee to Jacksonville to help those caught in the storm, rescuing more than 100 people."

WSJournal: Reforms Helped State-Backed Insurer Cover Irma Claims. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that reforms undertaken by taxpayer-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. have allowed it to cover all the claims from Hurricane Irma. Next, the Journal urges Florida to move on tort reform before the next big hurricane hits the state.

Limbaugh, Coulter Face Criticism For Hurricane Irma Comments. USA Today (9/12, Snider, 8.62M) reports conservative pundits Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter are facing blowback from their "unusual — some said dangerous — counterpoint to the blunt warnings booming out of the state's official offices" to evacuate. They charged that "the liberal media had cooked up the storm for ratings, retail sales and politics." Critics, however, "assailed them as delivering their own waves of disinformation or, at best, poor attempts at humor, ill-conceived when the storm looked likely to take lives and leave millions without power."

MORE THAN 2,000 AMERICANS EVACUATED FROM CARIBBEAN. ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 3, 1:35, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "more than 2,000 Americans" who were caught in the Caribbean when Hurricane Irma hit "have now made it out onto US military planes and on private cruise ships, as conditions on those islands continue to deteriorate." The CBS Evening News (9/12, story 3, 3:00, Mason, 11.17M) reported that the Puerto Rico National Guard evacuated an estimated 300 to 400 Americans from St. Martin. CBS said that while "all the major airports in Florida have reopened...most are operating at about half the normal capacity, and there is still a huge backlog of travelers. More than 17,000 flights in the US and the Caribbean were canceled because of Irma."

FLORIDA PIZZA HUT MANAGER THREATENS TO PUNISH EMPLOYEES EVACUATING AHEAD OF IRMA. USA Today (9/12, Hafner, 8.62M) reports that manager of a Jacksonville, Florida Pizza Hut threatened to punish employees who didn't show up for shifts because they evacuated more than one day ahead of Hurricane Irma. The note also said, "in the event of an evacuation, you MUST return within 72 HOURS." Pizza Hut spokesman Doug Terfehr said in a statement that the memo is an "isolated incident by an employee who showed very poor judgement" and had been addressed by the franchise's operator. He added, "This is not,

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whatsoever, a company or franchise policy." However, in general employers can legally fire storm-fleeing employees.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PRISONERS ESCAPE IN IRMA'S WAKE. The New York Post (9/12, Fears, 4.31M) reports that, according to a government memo, "forty 'high risk' inmates escaped from a prison on the British Virgin Islands" following Hurricane Irma. British Junior Foreign Minister Alan Duncan said, according to the Daily Mail, said, "We had a serious threat of a complete breakdown of law and order in the British Virgin Islands"; more than 700 British troops and 50 police officers have been sent to restore peace.

MOSQUITOES, TOXINS IN FLOOD WATERS A GROWING CONCERN IN TEXAS. The CBS Evening News (9/12, story 4, 2:20, Mason, 11.17M) reported fro Houston that "what lies beneath the floodwaters is becoming a growing concern. Along with exposure to mold, toxins are floating around, too. Tests of floodwaters conducted by Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University show some neighborhoods are contaminated with lead and arsenic, as well as bacteria like E. Coli – found in one area at levels 135 times what's considered safe." Another concern, according to CBS, "are the mosquitoes that breed in stagnant pools like this one and also carry West Nile and Zika. Now, ground spraying has started in certain neighborhood where's the water has receded, but in other neighborhoods, they're going to have to spray by the air."

UP TO ONE MILLION VEHICLES SUFFERED DAMAGE IN HARVEY, IRMA. ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 5, 1:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported Hurricanes Harvey and Irma delivering "a one-two punch to vehicles from Florida all the way to Texas and north. Up to a million cars and trucks may have spent time soaking in the floodwaters. And some of them may now be headed back to the market." ABC's Eva Pilgrim warned consumers that "before you buy a used car, get a report on the vehicle and make sure you see a mechanic."

LATEST FORECAST SHOWS HURRICANE JOSE TO IMPACT EAST COAST. On ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 4, 0:55, Muir, 14.63M), Meteorologist Ginger Zee said that Hurricane Jose, on its current track, is likely to bring "high surf and rip currents" to the East Coast in the coming days.

JOB OPENINGS AT RECORD HIGH. Reuters (9/12) reports the monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) released by the Labor Department Tuesday shows that job openings in the US reached a record high in July, "suggesting a slowdown in job growth in August was an aberration and that the labor market was strong before the recent disruptive hurricanes." Job openings "increased by 54,000 to a seasonally adjusted 6.2 million," their "highest level since the data series started in December 2000." The report, says Reuters, "showed the labor market continued to tighten amid a scarcity of workers."

Gallup Analyst: 80 Percent Of Americans "Satisfied" With Their Standard Of Living. The Washington Times (9/12, Harper, 541K) reports that Gallup analyst Jim Norman says that "80 percent of the nation say they are 'satisfied' with their current standard of living, and the pollster's complex but revealing 'well-being index' now stands at 54, a record high." According to Norman, "The percentage of Americans saying their standard of living is getting better has risen from 62 percent in 2016 to 64 percent so far this year, with a corresponding drop in the percentage saying it is getting worse, from 22 percent to 19 percent."

Stocks Indexes Close At Record Highs. Reuters (9/12, Carew) reports that the major stock indexes posted record highs Tuesday. The Dow added 61.49 points to close at 22,118.86. The S&P 500 climbed 8.37 points to 2,496.48 and the Nasdaq ended the day 22.018 points higher at 6,454.28.

TRUMP TO MEET WITH HOUSE MODERATES WEDNESDAY. In what Politico (9/12, Caygle, Bade, 3.6M) calls "the latest across-the-aisle outreach by the White House to Democrats," President Trump is scheduled to meet Wednesday with a group of moderate House members.

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Politico cites "multiple sources" who say "members of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, including its co-chairmen, Reps. Tom Reed (R-NY) and Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), will attend." Others on the list of invitees include Reps. Henry Cuellar, Kyrsten Sinema, Tom Suozzi, Kurt Schrader, Stephanie Murphy, Glenn Thompson, and Collin Peterson.

WHITE HOUSE: INVESTIGATION OF COMEY "SHOULD BE LOOKED AT" BY DOJ. The New York Post (9/12, Moore, 4.31M) reports that during a Tuesday press briefing, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said "that federal prosecutors should investigate ousted FBI Director James Comey, saying it's something that 'should be looked at.' She said it's not President Trump's role but a decision for the Department of Justice." Sanders is quoted as saying, "If there's ever a moment where we feel somebody's broken the law, particularly if they're the head of the FBI, that's certainly something that should be looked at."

The Hill (9/12, Fabian, Easley, 1.68M) quotes Sanders as saying of Trump's firing of Comey, "The president is proud of the decision that he made. The president was 100 percent right in firing James Comey. He knew it could be bad for him politically and felt he had an obligation to do what was right for the American people and men and women at the FBI." Sanders continued, "I think there is no secret Comey, by his own self-admission, leaked privileged government information weeks before President Trump fired him. Comey testified that an FBI agent engaged in the same practice would face serious repercussions. His actions were improper. He leaked memos to [The] New York Times. He signaled he would exonerate Hillary Clinton before interviewing her. [Trump] is very happy with the decision he made."

The New York Times (9/12, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Trump "has accused Mr. Comey of leaking classified information by furnishing memos about his interactions with the president to a friend, who provided them to a reporter. The friend has said the information was not classified." The Washington Examiner (9/12, Quinn, 465K) reported that ex-White House strategist Steve Bannon said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," which aired on Sunday, that "he believed firing Comey in May was the biggest mistake made by a president in 'modern political history.' But the White House reiterated both Monday and Tuesday Trump stands by his decision, and said recently revealed information about Comey and his actions justify his dismissal."

Townhall (9/12, Pavlich, 523K) reported that Sanders' remarks came "more than a week after members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including Chairman Chuck Grassley, revealed Comey made the decision to exonerate...Clinton months before FBI agents finished their criminal investigation into her repeated mishandling of classified information. The revelation is at odds with testimony Comey gave under oath to Congress about the timing of the FBI's investigation."

Bannon: No Doubt Comey Firing Led To Special Counsel In Russia Investigation. Coverage of Bannon's interview for "60 Minutes" continues, with reporting once again focused on Bannon's criticism of Trump's decision to fire Comey. ABC World News Tonight (9/12, story 7, 1:40, Muir, 14.63M) reported Bannon, in his first interview since leaving the Administration, "is now blasting the President's decision to fire...Comey, calling it the biggest mistake in modern political history." Bannon: "I don't think there's any doubt that if James Comey had not been fired, we would not have a special counsel" for the Russia probe.

CBS Analysis: Mueller Has "All-Star" Team. Noting Bannon's comments, the CBS Evening News (9/12, story 6, 2:30, Mason, 11.17M) reported Special Counsel Robert Mueller has put together an "all-star" team of prosecutors with "experience in long-term investigations, going after organized crime, money laundering, cyber-terrorism, and foreign bribery. Some even speak Russian." One member of Mueller' team is Andrew Weissman, who, in the 1990s, worked in the Justice Department's fraud section on a case "linked to the mafia and Russian organized crime that involved Felix Sater, a Trump business partner who is now of interest to Mueller's investigation." Prosecutor Andrew Goldstein, another member of the team, has handed over to Mueller an investigation into former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort that Goldstein led

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at the US Attorney's office in Manhattan. In addition, James Quarles – one of the "more experienced members" of Mueller's team – served on the Watergate Special Prosecution Task Force.

Kremlin-Linked Firm Created Facebook Account To Disseminate Anti-Immigrant Messages. The New York Times (9/12, Shane, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that a "notice went out on Facebook last year, calling citizens of Twin Falls, Idaho, to an urgent meeting about the 'huge upsurge of violence toward American citizens' by Muslim refugees who had settled there. The inflammatory post, however, originated not in Idaho but in Russia. The meeting's sponsor, an anti-immigrant page called 'Secured Borders,' was one of hundreds of fake Facebook accounts created by a Russian company with Kremlin ties to spread vitriolic messages on divisive issues." The Times adds, "A report by the Russian media outlet RBC last March...identified the Secured Borders page as the work of the Internet Research Agency, a St. Petersburg firm that employs hundreds of so-called trolls to post material in support of Russian government policies. A Facebook official confirmed that Secured Borders was removed in the purge of Russian fakes."

During Trump Transition, Flynn Promoted "For-Profit" Nuclear Plan, Was Paid By Supporters. Politico (9/12, Dawsey, 3.6M) reported, "As a top official in President Donald Trump's transition team, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn actively promoted a private-sector scheme to build dozens of nuclear reactors across the Middle East known informally in the transition as the 'Marshall Plan.' But he did not publicly disclose that backers of the plan had paid him at least $25,000." Politico said that during the transition, Flynn was in communication with supporters "of the for-profit plan, billed as a way of strengthening ties between the US and Arab allies looking to develop nuclear power capability." At the same time, he "expressed his support for the plan with people inside the transition – and discussed its merits with others beyond Trump Tower, according to sources within and close to the Trump team at that time."

TRUMP SAYS SOME WRITING ABOUT HIM "KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME & HAVE ZERO ACCESS." Politico (9/12, Nelson, 3.6M) reported that President Trump "lashed out Tuesday morning at authors who write about him, posting on Twitter that their books and articles amount to 'fake news' because 'they know nothing about me.'" Trump is quoted as tweeting, "Fascinating to watch people writing books and major articles about me and yet they know nothing about me & have zero access. #FAKE NEWS!" The President "did not make clear which authors, books or articles he was referring to," but his "tweet coincided with the release of two prominent books related to the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton's campaign memoir, titled 'What Happened,' and NBC political reporter Katy Tur's 'Unbelievable: My Front-Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History.'"

USA Today Analysis: Trump May Have Been Tweeting About "At Least Three Different Books." In an analysis, USA Today (9/12, Estepa, 8.62M) reports that Trump's tweet may have been referring to "at least three different books." The "most obvious choice" is "What Happened" by Hillary Clinton, which was released Tuesday. Others could be "Unbelievable: My Front-Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History" by NBC News' Katy Tur, and a yet untitled book project by the New York Times' Maggie Haberman and Glenn Thrush about the "first years of the Trump administration."

STUDY: NETWORK NEWSCASTS' TRUMP COVERAGE 91% NEGATIVE IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST. The Washington Times (9/12, Harper, 541K) reports, "Much of the news media continues to offer coverage which is both hostile and biased against President Trump and his administration," according to "a wide-reaching new study from the Media Research Center," which found "that 91 percent of the recent coverage which aired on ABC, CBS and NBC has been negative. 'Since January 20, Media Research Center analysts have reviewed every mention of President Trump and top administration officials on ABC's World News Tonight, the CBS Evening News and NBC Nightly News, including weekends,' write research director Rich Noyes and Mike Ciandella, a senior analyst for the conservative press watchdog." The analysts added,

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"In June, July and August, broadcast evening news coverage of Trump was 91 percent negative – worse than the astounding 89 percent negative spin we calculated during the first three months of the administration."

BANNON SAYS HE SPEAKS WITH TRUMP SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Steinberg, Russolillo, Khan, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that while meeting privately over lunch on Tuesday with a collection of money managers in Hong Kong, ex-White House chief strategist Steve Bannon said that he still speaks with President Trump several times per week, according to those who attended the gathering. Those people said that Bannon indicated his most recent conversation with Trump took place the previous night and lasted for about an hour. The Journal adds that White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Monday had said she believed Bannon had conversed with Trump only once since his exit from the Administration.

The Hill Analysis: "Mainstream Republicans" Worried About Bannon Primary Attacks. The Hill (9/12, Easley, 1.68M) reported, "Republicans are fearful about the damage...Bannon and his allies will inflict on GOP incumbents seeking reelection in the 2018 midterms. Bannon has been meeting with insurgent conservative candidates and is committed to making Breitbart News... a major player in the" GOP "primaries against candidates he views as insufficiently loyal to President Trump. Bannon is also in discussions with the pro-Trump outside group Great America PAC – which has raised and spent tens of millions of dollars in the last two years – about acting as his political arm in targeting" GOP House and Senate incumbents. The Hill added, "Mainstream Republicans are fretting over the havoc those forces could unleash," expressing concern that they "could sink one or two incumbents in primaries and hobble others enough that they lose winnable general election races to Democrats."

Von Drehle: Bannon's "Big Ideas Boil Down To A Residue Of Nonsense." In his Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) column, David Von Drehle discusses Bannon's interview with "60 Minutes," writing that he cast Trump – "and himself – as philosophers and men of principle guided by a few big ideas." However, "those big ideas boil down to a residue of nonsense." Von Drehle says Bannon's "big holey cheese was an idea he called 'populist economic nationalist,' which...turns out to have almost nothing to do with the Trump presidency." As one example, Von Drehle pointed to the Affordable Care Act, saying that Bannon "bitterly attacked Republican leaders of Congress for their failure to repeal the law and replace it with a new" measure. However, "health care is one of the least globalized industries we have. And the goal of Obamacare (however unevenly achieved) is to make access to medical care more widely available. So why would this be the urgent Job One for a supposed populist economic nationalist?"

CONGRESS PASSES JOINT RESOLUTION URGING TRUMP TO DENOUNCE HATE GROUPS. The New York Times (9/12, Thrush, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports the House and Senate on Tuesday unanimously passed a joint resolution "urging President Trump to denounce racist and anti-Semitic hate groups, sending a blunt message of dissatisfaction with the president's initial, equivocal response to the white nationalist violence in Charlottesville" last month. The resolution may be sent for Trump's signature "as early as Wednesday."

ESPN Issues "Meek" Statement Disapproving Of Anchor Who Called Trump A White Supremacist. The Washington Times (9/12, Richardson, 541K) reports that ESPN on Tuesday "issued a meek statement" disapproving of anchor Jemele Hill's recent tweets calling President Trump and his supporters "white supremacists." The statement read, "The comments on Twitter from Jemele Hill regarding the President do not represent the position of ESPN. ... We have addressed this with Jemele and she recognizes her actions were inappropriate."

Bannon To Speak At Berkeley. The New York Times (9/12, Astor, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Steve Bannon has agreed to speak later this month at the University of California, Berkeley as part of its four-day Free Speech Week event organized by The Berkeley Patriot, a conservative student publication. Conservative speaker Milo Yiannopoulos is also

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scheduled to appear. The Times highlights that Bannon's visit will come after a year of tensions on campus surrounding events with conservative speakers.

Politico (9/12, Marinucci, 3.6M) reports that UC Berkeley assistant vice chancellor Dan Mogulof told Politico on Tuesday that the Berkeley Patriot "'still has not completed the critical steps' necessary to arrange venues" for its Free Speech Week event later this month – raising questions about whether the event will still continue. According to Mogulof, the group "has failed to provide requested information needed to provide security for the events, 'nor has it confirmed the list of speakers and when they intend to schedule events with those speakers.'"

Berkeley Police Now Allowed To Use Pepper Spray. The AP (9/12) reports the Berkeley City Council voted Tuesday to allow Berkeley police to use pepper spray to subdue violent protesters "after the City Council modified a 20-year ban on officers' ability to use the weapon."

Central Park's Christopher Columbus Statue Vandalized. The New York Times (9/12, Nir, Mays, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that the Christopher Columbus statue inside Central Park was found vandalized on Tuesday morning, "its hands stained with red paint and its pedestal scrawled with graffiti including the hashtag '#somethingscoming.'" The words "Hate will not be tolerated" had also been written in white spray paint on the pedestal.

Lawyer: Americans Should Pause Before Erasing Historical Symbols. In a Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) op-ed, attorney James Marquardt writes about his experience as the leader of Kalamazoo, Michigan's arts council during a 2006 controversy over whether a city fountain should have been removed because of its depictions of pioneer settlers removing Native Americans – a controversy that ended with the city deeming the fountain not offensive. He writes that today the statue is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an important piece of history documenting the suffering of Native Americans, and he argues that Americans should pause before erasing symbols of their past.

GORKA: GOP "DID NOT WIN THE ELECTION," TRUMP DID. The Los Angeles Times (9/12, Tarnopolsky, 4.49M) provides an edited transcript on a recent interview it conducted with ex-White House national security aide Sebastian Gorka. During the interview, says the Times, Gorka "expressed continuing support for President Trump, denounced" GOP "leaders as a greater obstacle to Trump's success than Democrats, and predicted that the president would soon purge the White House of staffers who are not loyal to his 'Make America Great Again' agenda." Gorka is quoted as saying in the interview, "I've said this again and again and again: The biggest problem we have isn't the Democrat Party. The biggest near-term obstacle to the president's agenda is the fact that the GOP...thinks they won the election. They did not win the election. The president was only the Republican candidate by accident. He is the quintessential anti-establishment candidate, as anti-left-wing establishment as he is anti-right-wing establishment."

WHITE HOUSE SAYS TRUMP "STANDS BY" ENDORSEMENT OF STRANGE. The AP (9/12, Thomas) reports that the White House on Tuesday reaffirmed support for appointed Sen. Luther Strange (R-AL), who is battling ex-state Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore (R-AL) in the Sept. 26 GOP runoff in the special election for the former seat of Attorney General Sessions. The AP says White House legislative director Marc Short "was asked about the race by reporters at a breakfast Tuesday. He said President Donald Trump 'has endorsed Luther Strange and he continues to stand by that endorsement.'"

Even so, The Hill (9/12, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported that Strange "is racing to win more" aid from the President, "as Trump keeps his distance from the intraparty fight." While Trump "endorsed Strange before Alabama's Republican primary in August," the President "has hardly lifted a finger since, frustrating the senator's allies." The Hill added, "With polls suggesting that Strange is behind in the race, time is running out for Trump to boost Strange's campaign." The senator "has spent the past week trying to tie himself more closely to Trump, backing Trump's call to end the Senate filibuster and hoping to nudge the president back into the fray."

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Bannon-Linked Group's Ad Takes Aim At Strange, McConnell. Politico (9/12, Isenstadt, 3.6M) reported, "An outside group linked to Steve Bannon is venturing into the closely watched" GOP contest, launching "a hard-hitting" ad targeting Strange and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, "Bannon's nemesis. The spot, from the pro-Trump organization Great America Alliance, describes Strange as a 'big time lobbyist' who was 'appointed by the swamp' and is 'in the pocket of Mitch McConnell.'" In the ad, a narrator says, "It's time to drain the swamp. Take your voice to Washington, and vote for someone to represent you. On Sept. 26, don't let the swamp take over Alabama."

The Hill (9/12, Greenwood, 1.68M) reported that the spot "also includes a clip of former Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley saying that Strange was the 'first person' mentioned by McConnell to fill the Senate seat vacated by...Sessions in February. 'I talked with Mitch McConnell, and the first person that he actually mentioned was Luther Strange,' Bentley, who resigned earlier this year amid a sex scandal, says in the ad. 'So Luther is not a stranger in Washington.'"

Foundation's Back Pay To Moore, Second Mortgage Draw Scrutiny. Alabama Live (9/12, Koplowitz, 608K) reports, "As the Foundation for Moral Law fought – unsuccessfully – a lawsuit against it by a Christian fundraising operation, the organization with ties to...Moore took out a second mortgage on its Montgomery building to pay Moore years of back pay, federal court filings and Montgomery County probate records showed." Moore, at the time, was president of the foundation, according to the report. Alabama Live says "it remains unclear years later who paid the $465,000 judgement against the foundation because the organization has not filed its taxes since 2014 and didn't report the payment in its most recently filed tax returns."

WHITE HOUSE ON CLINTON ELECTION BOOK: TRUMP "PRETTY WELL-VERSED ON WHAT HAPPENED." The AP (9/12) reports that at Tuesday's press briefing, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders accused Hillary Clinton "of 'propping up book sales with false and reckless attacks.'" Sanders said "she's unsure if President Donald Trump will be reading 'What Happened,' Clinton's account of the 2016 campaign," saying "the president is 'pretty well-versed on what happened.'" Politico (9/12, Nelson, 3.6M) quoted Sanders as saying, "I think it's sad that after Hillary Clinton ran one of the most negative campaigns in history and lost and the last chapter of her public life is now going to be defined by propping up book sales with false and negligent attacks." The Washington Times (9/12, Miller, 541K) and USA Today (9/12, Estepa, 8.62M) also report on Sanders' comments on Clinton's book.

Conway Hits Clinton For "Talking About Hillary" On 9/11 Anniversary. USA Today (9/12, Cummings, 8.62M) reports that counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway on Monday blasted Clinton "for promoting her book on the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. On the anniversary of that dark day in American history, when the nation is still reeling from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, 'Hillary is talking about Hillary,' Conway tweeted."

NYPost's Callahan: Clinton Book-Signing Event Simply A Cash-Grab. Meanwhile, in her New York Post (9/12, 4.31M) column, Maureen Callahan discusses Clinton's Tuesday book-signing event in New York City, saying that those who turned out were meant "to serve two purposes: To make sure 'What Happened' debuts at No. 1 on the bestseller list and to line Hillary's pockets. (At least she wasn't surcharging $89-$3,000 per head, as she is at forthcoming events.) ... Wait for hours, sweat it out, love her all you want – she's popping in for your cash, nothing more."

JORDAN RIPS WSJOURNAL OVER "FALSE STORY" ON HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS. Rep. Jim Jordan was asked on MSNBC's Morning Joe (9/12, 974K) about the Wall Street Journal's claim that the House Freedom Caucus is contemplating a GOP leadership coup. Jordan said, "Nobody is talking about change in leadership, and frankly, instead of the Wall Street Journal using six unnamed sources to write something that is not accurate – and this is not the first time they have done it – why don't they call us? Do you know how many times I've talked to Paul Gigot

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this Congress? Zero. You know how many times they've called up [Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)] in his entire tenure in Congress? Zero. Why don't you just call us? We'll be happy to give you the truth instead of using six unnamed sources, false story after false story."

ZINKE ORDERS CLEARING OF TREES TO COMBAT WILDFIRES. In "a policy switch that represents a dramatic departure from nearly three decades of hands-off management in the federal forests," Interior Secretary Zinke on Tuesday moved "to combat the spread of catastrophic wildfires by clearing more trees," the Washington Times (9/12, Richardson, 541K) reports. Zinke "released a department-wide memo calling on supervisors and managers to 'think about fire in a new and aggressive way' by clearing the dead and dying trees and vegetation that have overrun the federal forests and heightened wildfire danger." Zinke said in a statement, "This Administration will take a serious turn from the past and will proactively work to prevent forest fires through aggressive and scientific fuels reduction management to save lives, homes, and wildlife habitat."

INTERIOR IG EXAMINING REASSIGNMENT OF SES MEMBERS. The Washington Post (9/12, Davidson, 10.38M) reports that "in response to a request from eight Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee," the Interior Department's Office of Inspector General "is examining the extraordinary and politically suspect reassignment of dozens of Senior Executive Service (SES) members." The Democrats' request came "after one Interior senior executive, Joel Clement, wrote a Washington Post article that said he was reassigned and 'retaliated against for speaking out publicly about the dangers that climate change poses to Alaska Native communities.'" On Monday, Sen. Maria Cantwell, one the Democrats seeking a probe, "welcomed the review, saying 'there are serious questions that need to be answered about the treatment of public servants who have dedicated their careers to the Department of the Interior.'"

LEE BLASTS DEMOCRATS' QUESTIONING OF BARRETT. Sen. Mike Lee was asked on Fox News Tucker Carlson Tonight (9/12, 2.76M) if Democrats' questioning of judicial nominee Amy Barrett amounted to a religious test. Lee said, "It certainly felt that way to me...and as a religious minority myself, I am someone whose ears perk up very quickly when I start hearing questions into someone's religious belief and saying that they are of a concern to my colleagues." Lee added, "Can you imagine someone asking this of a Muslim or someone who is Jewish or a Hindu or a Sikh? Any other religion. Anyone who worships other than in a Catholic or a Christian or a Mormon background I can't even imagine how that would ever be tolerated for a moment."

WSJournal: Grassley Should Suspend Al Franken's Blue Slip. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that in light of Sen. Al Franken's (D-MN) recent announcement that he will refuse to return his blue slip on the nomination of a judge to the Eight Circuit, Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley should suspend Sen. Franken's blue slip. The Journal contends that Grassley has full authority to suspend the blue slip tradition on a case-by-case should senators obstruct the nomination process.

VOTER FRAUD COMMISSION CRITICIZED BY ITS DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS. The New York Times (9/12, Wines, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that as President Trump's voter fraud commission met in New Hampshire Tuesday "to discuss what members characterized as declining confidence in elections," the "most telling discussions of the session addressed declining confidence in the commission itself." Democratic commission member New Hampshire Secretary of State William M. Gardner "warned that 'the specter of extreme political partisanship' threatened to undermine whatever work it was doing," and Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, "another Democrat on the commission, dressed down the commission's Republican vice chairman for what he called reckless statements about supposed voter fraud in New Hampshire."

Bloomberg News (9/12, Harris, 4.52M) reports that commission chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach "was lambasted" by Gardner and Dunlap "for an opinion piece he wrote in a Breitbart.com last week" claiming that "New Hampshire laws allowed people with out-of-state

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identification to vote there and election results were likely tipped illegally in favor of Democrats." The Washington Post (9/12, Wagner, 10.38M) says Kobach "largely defended an article published Friday in which he pointed to statistics showing that more than 6,000 people had voted in a close election [in New Hampshire] using out-of-state driver's licenses to prove their identity," and "suggested that was evidence of people taking advantage of New Hampshire's same-day registration and heading to the Granite State to cast fraudulent votes."

Experts Tell Commission Voting Machines Are Susceptible To Hacking. The Washington Times (9/12, Dinan, 541K) reports that computer experts told the commission Tuesday that the nation's voting machines "are susceptible to hacking, which could be done in a way so that it leaves no fingerprints, making it impossible to know whether the outcome was changed." MIT professor Ronald Rivest told the panel, that "hackers have myriad ways of attacking voting machines." Said Rivest, "You don't want to rest the election of the president on, 'Maybe the Wi-Fi was turned on when it shouldn't have been.'" Princeton professor Andrew Appel "said it would be easy to write a program that cheats on election results and deletes evidence of the hack as soon as the results are reported."

ATTORNEYS ASK ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT PRO-LIFE CLINICS FORCED TO PERFORM ABORTIONS. The Washington Times (9/12, Richardson, 541K) reports attorneys have filed complaint with HHS "asking the agency to protect the free speech rights of pro-life doctors and women's health clinics from states governments trying to force them to promote abortion." The Alliance Defending Freedom, which "has filed state and federal lawsuits challenging such laws," said the Trump Administration can "take action to ensure the First Amendment rights of pro-life medical practitioners are upheld." ADF legal counsel Elissa Graves said in a statement, "Government officials shouldn't be allowed to force anyone to provide free advertising for the abortion industry. ... Furthermore, federal law simply doesn't allow it. States that compel pro-life doctors and staff to act contrary to their conscience do not qualify for federal funds. We have filed these complaints to inform HHS of what is happening so that it can take action."

PRUITT DENIES ICAHN HAD EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE IN BIOFUEL REGULATION. Reuters (9/12, Volcovici) reports that EPA Administrator Pruitt said in a letter dated September 11 to Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) that investor Carl Icahn never had excessive influence on US biofuels policy during his time as President Donald Trump's adviser on regulation. The letter – which was a response to lawmakers' repeated requests for information on Icahn's "dual role" as a regulatory adviser and a majority stakeholder in the refining company CVR Energy – said that Icahn "was 'one of many' of Trump's advisers that he met during his confirmation process."

ENERGY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES OBAMA'S SOLAR GOAL MET EARLY. Bloomberg News (9/12, Natter, 4.52M) reports the Energy Department announced Tuesday that former President Obama's goal of "slashing" the cost of solar power down to 6 cents per kilowatt hour "has been achieved early, taking credit for" a "milestone even though the new administration is skeptical of renewable power." The department also "announced $82 million in new funding for solar research."

POLITICO ANALYSIS: SILICON VALLEY LOSING FAVOR FROM BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT. In an analysis, Politico (9/12, Scola, 3.6M) reports Silicon Valley's technology companies "are increasingly drawing attacks from both the left and the right," with Democrats "condemning" Facebook for permitting "fake news" and "Russia-linked ads" and with conservatives accusing Google of censoring right-leaning viewpoints. Politico highlights major critics and observes that heightened criticism is placing the tech sector at risk for tighter regulations.

REP. DUNCAN PUSHES FOR GUN SILENCER PROVISION. Politico (9/12, Bresnahan, 3.6M) reports that Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC) "is renewing his controversial push" to ease restrictions on the purchase of gun silencers by including a silencer provision in the House's "Sportsmen Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act." Duncan "argues that silencers are used by hunters

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and target shooters to limit potential hearing loss from gunfire," but gun control groups argue the provision "is opposed by many police organizations." Politico adds that there is "very little chance" Duncan's bill would pass the Senate, given Democratic opposition.

Poll: Americans See Gun Policy As A Top Issue. The Washington Free Beacon (9/12, Gutowski, 158K) reports a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll released Thursday found that 35 percent of respondents "listed gun rights or gun control as the top issue they considered important enough to have an impact on their voting." The poll, which surveyed 1,200 adults between August 5 and 9, found that respondents "picked gun policy as important to their vote more often than any other issue surveyed," including environmental policy (30 percent), immigration (28 percent), and abortion (17 percent).

PAIR OF WOMEN TESTIFY ABOUT MENENDEZ'S ALLEGED ROLE IN HELPING OBTAIN VISAS. Several reports today focus on the third day of the federal corruption trial of Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and his longtime friend and political donor, Florida eye doctor Salomon Melgen. The AP (9/12, Porter) reports, "The alleged former Dominican girlfriend of" Melgen "testified Tuesday that her visa application was initially denied and then approved expeditiously after" Melgen "told her he would 'fix it' by reaching out to 'the senator.' Rosiell Polanco-Suera testified...Melgen said he was 'going to fix it' by talking to Menendez. She said that at the first visa interview in 2008, she and her sister, who also sought a visa, waited for hours and were treated abruptly. At the second interview, she said, they had little or no wait and the visa was approved that day." Drawing from the AP dispatch, The Federalist (9/12, Payton, 88K) also reported on Polanco-Suera's testimony.

Politico (9/12, Friedman, 3.6M) reported that "former [Melgen] girlfriend" Svitlana Buchyk, "who was in her early 20s when prosecutors say Menendez allegedly helped her secure a visa to visit the" US, also testified Tuesday. Buchyk, "who was born in the Ukraine and grew up in Spain, was one of four women – three of them 20-something girlfriends to the 63-year-old married Melgen – for whom Menendez...allegedly pressured officials to get visas in exchange for vacations, private jet flights and political donations." Buchyk "said she met Menendez...during her first visit to the US, over dinner at a Miami restaurant with him and Melgen. Prosecutor Peter Koski asked her if Melgen said anything at the dinner 'about the role that Senator Menendez played in helping you get your visa.'" Buchyk replied, in part, that "it was nothing but 'this is the person that helped you with your visa.'"

The New York Times (9/12, Corasaniti, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "Before the two women took the stand, the government introduced an email sent by Mark E. Lopes, a former senior policy adviser to Mr. Menendez, to Danny O'Brien, a former chief of staff, in November 2009, describing how Mr. Menendez was 'helping secure visas in the DR for Sal M.'" The Times adds, "In a portion of the email that was read aloud by Judge William H. Walls without the jury present during a discussion about whether it should be admitted as evidence, Mr. Lopes said that Mr. Menendez should not be calling ambassadors 'about stuff like this.' The email also began, 'Danny, taking this thread offline and removing RM.'"

AT CONCERT, KID ROCK DENOUNCES RACISTS, MUM ON POSSIBLE SENATE RUN. The Detroit News (9/12, Rahal, Hicks, Williams, 725K) reports, "Hometown rocker Kid Rock took the stage Tuesday" in Detroit at the opening of the new Little Caesars Arena, delivering "a profanity laced campaign-like speech marked by blasting the government for offering financial support for people 'who can't take care of themselves' yet have '(expletive) kid after kid.'" He "also denounced racists, saying: 'Stay the hell away.'" Kid Rock said, "Struggling single parents are an issue close to my heart. We should not reward those who can't take care of themselves but keep having kid after (expletive) kid. Of course, of course we should help them out. Let's do it with child care, child training and find them a (expletive) place to work." Kid Rock later added, "Nazis, (expletive) bigots and again the KKK, I say (expletive) all you racists, stay the hell away"

The Detroit Free Press (9/12, Gray, 1.07M) reports that Kid Rock, whose given name is Robert

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Ritchie, made no announcement as to his plans of a potential 2018 challenge to Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), despite having hinted "for the last seven weeks that he was headed in that direction." The Free Press adds that during the concert, Kid Rock "obliquely addressed the controversy surrounding black activists critical of his act. 'I do believe we are all created equal. I'll say it once and say it again, I love black people. And I love white people, too,' he said. 'But neither as much as I love red white and blue."

Kid Rock Denied Press Credentials To Detroit Free Press. The Hill (9/12, Greenwood, 1.68M) reported that the Detroit Free Press was "denied a media credential for [the] Kid Rock concert Tuesday night." The Hill said Kid Rock's publicist, Kirt Webster, told "the newspaper that the decision to deny its reporters credentials was based on a negative column about the musician that the Free Press had published earlier this month. 'You guys wrote a f----- up story and allowed it to be published,' Webster told the Free Press over the phone on Monday." Kirt added, "To be published without doing any fact checking on what Kid Rock has done for the city of Detroit? We don't condone bad behavior. We won't reward bad behavior." The Hill added, "The column, authored by Free Press editorial page editor Stephen Henderson, call[ed] the decision to book Kid Rock as the inaugural performance at Detroit's new Little Caesars Arena a 'middle finger to Detroiters.'"

CRUZ SAYS AIDE INADVERTENTLY LIKED PORN TWEET ON SENATOR'S TWITTER ACCOUNT. The AP (9/12, Taylor) reports that Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) on Tuesday said "an aide was responsible for the 'like' that caused a pornographic post to briefly appear on Cruz's Twitter feed overnight." Cruz said "several aides have access to the account and that one inadvertently posted the pornography. Cruz told reporters that 'it was a staffing issue and it was inadvertent. It was a mistake. It was not a deliberate action.'" Cruz declined to "say whether he'll fire the staff aide or deny the aide access to his social media accounts, though he noted that the aide did not act maliciously."

The Washington Post (9/12, O'Keefe, Selk, 10.38M) reports that Cruz "woke up Tuesday to find his name trending on Twitter – linked overnight to a certain video from the 'Milf Hunter' series, perhaps unfairly, perhaps irrevocably." Speaking with reporters, Cruz "said 'a number of people' in his office had access to account." Cruz was asked a couple of times "if he himself was the liker. 'No,' Cruz said quietly as he finally walked away."

Politico (9/12, Nelson, Everett, 3.6M) quoted Cruz as saying, "There are a number of people on the team who have access on the account. It appears that someone inadvertently hit the like button. When we discovered the post, which was I guess an hour or two later, we pulled it down." Cruz added, "It was a staffing issue. And it was inadvertent, it was a mistake. It was not a deliberate act. We're dealing with it internally, but it was a mistake. It was not malicious."

USA Today (9/12, Estepa, 8.62M) reported, "By early Tuesday, the tweet was removed from" Cruz's "likes and reported to Twitter by staff, according to his senior communications adviser. 'The offensive tweet posted on @tedcruz account earlier has been removed by staff and reported to Twitter,' adviser Catherine Frazier said on Twitter. Still, the damage was done. Screenshots of the tweet appearing in Cruz's like were already taken, and the senator was trending on Twitter later that morning."

Rolling Stone Profiles Cruz's Democratic Challenger, O'Rourke. Meanwhile, writing for Rolling Stone (9/12, Stuart, 4.66M), Tessa Stuart profiled Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-TX), who is seeking to unseat Cruz in 2018, saying that before entering the contest, the Democrat "was a fairly low-profile member of the House. Few people knew of his crusade to combat gang violence by legalizing marijuana, or the years he spent playing bass with Cedric Bixler-Zavala (now a member of the Mars Volta and At the Drive-In) in their old punk band Foss. That started to change last summer, after Speaker Paul Ryan ordered C-Span cameras turned off during Democrats' 25-hour sit-in to protest inaction on gun control, and O'Rourke launched his own broadcast on Facebook Live." Stuart added, "Besides supporting limits on guns, O'Rourke, who is

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44, is pro-choice and a vocal advocate for comprehensive immigration reform."

POLL SHOWS ROMNEY FARING MUCH BETTER THAN HATCH IN HYPOTHETICAL 2018 RACE. Utah Policy (9/11, Webb, Schott) reported that a Dan Jones & Associates poll of 608 Utah voters, taken Aug. 30-Sept. 5, shows that Mitt Romney (R) "runs much stronger than other Republican candidates against" Salt Lake County Councilwoman Jenny Wilson (D-UT) in hypothetical 2018 Senate matchups. According to the poll, Romney leads Wilson 64%-26%; Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT) leads Wilson 34%-30%; Wilson leads Utah Valley University President Matt Holland (R) 30%-23%; and Wilson leads Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) 45%-34%. The poll was commissioned by Utah Policy. Hatch has yet to say whether he'll seek reelection next year. The other Republicans tested in the poll have either indicated or are reportedly considering bids, if Hatch opts to retire. Wilson, the Democrat, is an announced candidate.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (9/11, Burr, Gehrke, 337K) reported that Hatch's "office dismissed the poll as old news, noting the senator has yet to say whether he will seek another term. 'As much as we love to support our local media outlets, this is the third or fourth time we have seen this same report without any new sources or any new information,' said Hatch spokesman Matt Whitlock. 'Nothing has changed. Senator Hatch is focused on the critical work of the Senate, and he plans to make a final decision by the end of the year.'"

POLITICAL ANALYST: GOP HOUSE RETIREMENTS "STILL BELOW THE HISTORICAL AVERAGE." Under the headline "GOP Retirements May Open Door For Democrats In 2018," the Washington Times (9/12, Persons, 541K) reports, "A slew of Republican House retirements in recent weeks has left the GOP wondering whether it will be able to defend open seats in swing districts – and Democrats saying President Trump has poisoned the upcoming election for vulnerable Republicans." In recent days, Reps. Charlie Dent (R-PA), Dave Reichert (R-WA), and David Trott (R-MI) have announced they won't seek reelection next year. Those "retirements follow other announcements by a series of senior Republicans": Reps. John Duncan Jr. (R-TN), Sam Johnson (R-TX), and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL). However, political analysts "said the retirements are normal. 'By the numbers we're still below the historical average, so until we get close to exceeding that number, it's tough to draw a grander conclusion,'" Inside Elections editor Nathan Gonzalez told the Times.

Targeted GOP Members Push Back On Speculation They Won't Seek Reelection. The Hill (9/12, Marcos, 1.68M) reported that several GOP House members "expected to be heavily targeted by Democrats in next year's midterm elections pushed back Tuesday on speculation that they might retire." Rep. Pete Sessions' (R-TX) "campaign tweeted Tuesday that he is '[h]onored to represent #TX32. To my friends who think I'm hanging it up, as we say in #TX, Come and Take It. Rumors are completely false.'" Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) "meanwhile, 'is 100 percent running for reelection,' an aide told The Hill." And Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) "also told The Hill last week that he plans to run for reelection."

STEYER'S GROUP DONATES $1M TO VIRGINIA IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES TO MOBILIZE VOTERS. The Washington Post (9/12, Olivo, 10.38M) reports that billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer "is giving $1 million to immigrant advocates in Virginia to mobilize voters in November's state elections." The donation "by Steyer's super PAC, NextGen America, aims to tap into voter resentment over President Trump's immigration policies, in particular the travel ban against immigrants from six Muslim-majority countries and plans to phase out an Obama administration program that protected from deportation 800,000 undocumented immigrants who arrived here illegally as children. It follows a $2 million effort announced by the group last month to" boost Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam (D-VA) in this fall's race to succeed term-limited Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D-VA) "by targeting millennial voters and emphasizing climate change as an issue."

SPECULATION GROWS ABOUT WHETHER CORDRAY WILL RUN FOR OHIO GOVERNOR. In a report on the 2018 race to succeed term-limited Gov. John Kasich (R-OH), The Hill (9/12, Lane, 1.68M) focused on what it described as "a guessing game in Washington: Is Richard

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Cordray running or not? The director of the controversial Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is said to be mulling a" run "and could announce his plans at any moment. But there's a catch. Federal law prevents Cordray, a Democrat, from campaigning while he serves as director of the CFPB," leaving "lawmakers, reporters and industry lobbyists to scrounge for clues about his intentions. Leaders of congressional committees and trade groups that interact frequently with Cordray speculate that his relaxed demeanor in recent meetings indicates he's headed out the door." At the same time, "Republicans and business groups that have long sought to rein in Cordray and the CFPB are convinced a recent uptick in bureau action shows the director is trying to finish up several high-profile rules before he steps down."

GOP STATE AG SCHUETTE ENTERS 2018 MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S RACE. The AP (9/12, Eggert) reports that state Attorney General Bill Schuette (R-MI) on Tuesday launched a 2018 run to succeed term-limited Gov. Rick Snyder (R-MI), "entering as the Republican front-runner" with a vow "to be a 'jobs governor' who will cut income taxes and high auto premiums and not accept that Michigan's best economic days are in the past." Schuette joins state Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-MI) and Dr. Jim Hines (R) in the GOP primary. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley (R-MI) "is weighing a bid."

The Detroit Free Press (9/12, Egan, 1.07M) reports that in announcing his run, Schuette vowed "that if elected he would cut state income taxes, push Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and bring the state more and better-paying jobs." Schuette "said the November 2018 election will present Michigan voters with a choice of continuing economic recovery or a return to the 'lost decade' of the lengthy recession that ended late in 2009, which" he "associated with the leadership of former Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm. 'We must have a governor who won't accept the fate assigned to us by the liberal elite, who look down on manufacturing,' Schuette said."

DEMOCRAT MCCABE LAUNCHES 2018 BID TO OUST GOV WALKER. The AP (9/12, Bauer) reports that "political activist" Mike McCabe (D) on Tuesday announced that he will seek to oust Gov. Scott Walker (R-WI) in 2018, "casting himself as an outsider from the left who will shake up the establishment." McCabe, who joins state Schools Superintendent Tony Evers (D-WI), businessman Andy Gronik (D), and state Rep. Dana Wachs (D-WI) in the Democratic primary, "said in an interview that as governor he would restore collective bargaining rights lost under...Walker, push for a public option state-run health insurance program for all and advocate for as close to a $15 minimum wage as possible."

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (9/12, Marley, 628K) reports that McCabe "is staking out turf on the left end of the Democratic spectrum, campaigning for 'a living wage for every worker, health care for all, debt-free education and job training, and high-speed internet to every doorstep.' For 15 years, McCabe was the face of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a group that lobbies for having taxpayers finance political campaigns to reduce the influence of special interests." He "left the Democracy Campaign in 2015 and founded Blue Jean Nation, a group aimed at helping everyday people challenge the political establishment."

DE BLASIO EASILY WINS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. On its front page, the New York Times (9/12, Neuman, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) "coasted to a decisive win on Tuesday in the Democratic primary." moving "closer to securing a second term. Facing a group of underfinanced, little-known rivals, Mr. de Blasio received 74 percent of the vote." He "will now focus on the general election, on Nov. 7, when he will face" Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R) and ex-police detective Bo Dietl, who is "running as an independent."

FERGUSON DROPS CHARGES AGAINST FRED WATSON. The New York Times (9/12, Williams, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports the city of Ferguson this week "abruptly dropped its prosecution" against Fred Watson, the man whose arrest and story "was detailed in a Department of Justice report on Ferguson's criminal justice system that followed the 2014 fatal police shooting of Michael Brown." The city's decision to drop charges came "without explanation"

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after “five years of pursuing a host of minor charges” against Watson.

DOJ WON’T CHARGE OFFICERS IN FREDDIE GRAY CASE. The Baltimore Sun (9/12, Rector, 706K) reports the Justice Department issued a statement Tuesday that it will not bring charges against Baltimore police officers “in connection with the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray from injuries sustained in police custody in 2015.” The statement said the department reached its decision after “an extensive review of this tragic event, conducted by career prosecutors and investigators.”

SEATTLE MAYOR RESIGNS AFTER FIFTH SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATION. The Seattle Times (9/12, Brunner, Beekman, 1.08M) reports that Seattle Mayor Ed Murray resigned Tuesday hours after a fifth man, a cousin of the mayor, “made public allegations Murray molested him when he was a child.” In his resignation statement, Murray said, “While the allegations against me are not true, it is important that my personal issues do not affect the ability of our City government to conduct the public’s business.”

LOUDERMILK, WIFE RECOVERING FROM CAR ACCIDENT. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (9/12, Hallerman, 1.16M) reports Rep. Barry Loudermilk’s office said he and his wife are, in the Journal-Constitution’s words, “recovering from non-life-threatening injuries after” their car was rear ended, “which caused their car to veer off the road and flip multiple times.”

AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS, NEWARK EXPECTED TO REGAIN CONTROL OF ITS SCHOOLS. The New York Times (9/12, Chen, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports the New Jersey State Board of Education “is expected on Wednesday to approve a plan that would ultimately give Newark control again over its public schools with their almost $1 billion budget and 55,000 students.” If the plan is approved, the decision would come more than 20 years after the state seized control of Newark public schools after a judge warned that “nepotism” and “cronyism” had caused “abysmal” student performance.

NEARLY 50 LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST EQUIFAX. NBC Nightly News (9/12, story 5, 2:25, Holt, 16.61M) reported that “nearly 50 lawsuits” already have been filed in federal court against Equifax over its data breach, “including a multi-billion dollar class action suit.” Additionally, 36 senators on Tuesday “called for federal investigations into three Equifax executives who sold stock before the breach went public although the company has said they didn’t know of the breach.”

The CBS Evening News (9/12, story 5, 2:10, Mason, 11.17M) reported that Eva Velasquez of the nonprofit Identity Theft Resource Center is telling concerned individuals that the “best option” to help stop immediate identity theft is a credit freeze. She said, “The credit freeze will lock the criminals out of opening financial accounts in your name. ... It really is worth that little bit of inconvenience in order to basically lock it down and keep the thieves out.”

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ADVOCATE EDIE WINDSOR DIES AT 88. USA Today (9/12, Wolf, 8.62M) reports “Edie Windsor, the New York octogenarian whose Supreme Court victory in 2013 forced the federal government to recognize same-sex marriage and led to its legalization two years later, died Tuesday” at the age of 88. “Before and particularly after her court victory,” USA Today says, “Americans came to learn about Windsor and Thea Spyer’s long march toward matrimony, encumbered by Spyer’s 30-year battle with multiple sclerosis and culminating in their unlikely wedding trip to Canada in 2007.”

MILBANK: REPUBLICANS WILL ALWAYS OWN TRUMP. In his Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) column, Dana Milbank writes that Republican frustration with President Trump’s decision to craft a debt ceiling agreement with Democrats comes after Republicans have tolerated what Milbank describes as many indefensible things, including Trump’s firing of FBI Director Comey “in an effort to thwart the FBI’s Russia probe,” boasting about “groping women,” attacking racial and religious minorities and labeling women “all manner of vulgarities.” Milbank concludes that even

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"if Republicans disown Trump now, they still own all the previous Trump actions over which they failed to break with him in any meaningful way."

POSNER: TRUMP COULD BE REMOVED FOR POLITICAL INCOMPETENCE UNDER REVISED 25TH AMENDMENT. In a Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) op-ed, University of Chicago Law professor Eric Posner writes that President Trump's presidency "has exposed a defect in our constitutional system" in that a president cannot be removed from office, under the current understanding of the 25th Amendment, if he "has lost the confidence of the public because of a failure of temperament, ideology or ability." Posner argues that the 25th Amendment "should be enlarged so as to provide authority to address this problem, through creation of a Presidential Oversight Council empowered to recommend removal of the president on political rather than medical grounds."

WSJOURNAL'S RILEY: DEVOS SHOULD SCRAP OBAMA-ERA SCHOOL DISCIPLINE GUIDANCE. In his Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) column, Jason L. Riley writes that in addition to addressing campus sexual assault policy, Education Secretary DeVos also should discard another Obama-era policy that targets schools that have racially disparate results in their student discipline cases. Riley argues that the policy, stemming from a 2014 Education Department guidance letter, is causing chaos in classrooms as schools struggle to handle unruly students.

IGNATIUS: MEDIA SHOULD BRING BACK THE OMBUDSMAN. In his Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) column, David Ignatius writes that news organizations can address flagging public trust in the media by bringing back an "in-house ombudsman or public editor to represent readers and viewers." Ignatius argues that ombudsmen – however burdensome to media outlets – provide a check against biased reporting by second-guessing editors, challenging particular coverage, and advocating "ideas of fairness that some people think are outmoded."

Editorial Wrap-Up:

NEW YORK TIMES. ***"Senators In Search Of A Foreign Policy."*** In an editorial, the New York Times (9/13, Board, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) outlines a "range of problems facing the United States abroad," and laments "a robust foreign policy led by a reinvigorated State Department that right now is suffering from presidential neglect, poor leadership and an absence of professional firepower in pivotal positions." The Times says Sens. Lindsey Graham and Patrick Leahy, two lawmakers who "understand the urgency of helping" the State Department "recover from the damages inflicted by" President Trump, have "won unanimous committee approval for a $51 billion bill for the State Department and foreign aid, about $11 billion more than the administration requested." Because there "is no sign that Mr. Trump and his team understand its core mission and its importance in a turbulent world," the Times argues, "The rest of Congress should ensure that a strong version of it becomes law."

"How Not To Sustain Prosperity." Citing the 2016 Census report, a New York Times (9/13, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) editorial says "President Trump clearly inherited an economy on the upswing," but "The question is whether his administration and the Republican-controlled Congress will sustain the momentum, or even reverse it." The Times explains that despite the economy's improvement, "broad prosperity remains elusive," but "Republican policy makers seem determined to undo the progress that has been made." For example, the Times says, the Administration "opposed Obama-era rules to update the nation's overtime-pay protections for salaried workers, arguably the single most important policy option to raise middle-class pay," and both Trump and the House Budget Committee "issued budget proposals for 2018 that call for deep spending cuts to safety-net programs." These "giant steps backward," the Times argues, would result in "greater income inequality" by shifting "income up the economic ladder."

WASHINGTON POST. ***"The Supreme Court Should Strike Down Wisconsin's Gerrymandering."*** The Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) editorializes that the Supreme Court

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"has long kept a distance from arguments over gerrymandering," but early next month, "the justices will hear a challenge to the 2011 redrawing of Wisconsin's state legislative map by Republican lawmakers – a demonstration of how increasingly powerful technology allows partisan mapmakers to distort representation with ever-greater precision." The Post adds that "using computer modeling, Wisconsin's Republican-controlled legislature produced districts so unbalanced that, in 2012, Republicans won a supermajority in the state assembly even after losing the popular vote." The Post argues that "while the question of just where to draw the line between acceptable and unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders may be far from simple in many instances, Wisconsin's is an extreme case," and contends that "the judiciary cannot and should not be the sole solution to this crisis, but it has a valuable role to play in reassuring Americans that their votes matter."

"Tom Price Decides He Doesn't Want Medicare To Save Money." In an editorial, the Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) laments "the coming crisis" if Medicare is not reformed and says "waste scored a victory when Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price decided to stop or scale back 'bundled payment' experiments the Obama administration had begun." Under the program, hospitals would be given "a flat payment covering the duration of a procedure and recovery." Those "whose costs came in under the fee could keep the difference. Those whose did not would lose money." The Post argues that ":Price should be expanding the programs he is trying to end."

"Metro Gets A Sudden Lifeline." A Washington Post (9/12, 10.38M) editorial.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. ***"How Florida Saved Taxpayers"*** The Wall Street Journal (9/12, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes that reforms undertaken by taxpayer-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. have allowed it to cover all the claims from Hurricane Irma. Next, the Journal urges Florida to move on tort reform before the next big hurricane hits the state.

"The Al Franken Standard." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (9/12, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that in light of Sen. Al Franken's recent announcement that he will refuse to return his blue slip on the nomination of a judge to the Eight Circuit, Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley should suspend Sen. Franken's blue slip. The Journal contends that Grassley has full authority to suspend the blue slip tradition on a case-by-case should senators obstruct the nomination process.

"Joseph Rago And A Disease Called Sarcoidosis." A Wall Street Journal (9/12, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial.

The Big Picture:

HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

Wall Street Journal:
Goldman Banks On Lending To Grow
Herculean Task As Crews Race To Restore Power
Apple Unveils New iPhone X To Fend Off Growing Competition
There's A Speeding Mass Of Space Junk Orbiting Earth, Smashing Into Things

New York Times:
Amid Chaos Of Storms, US Shows It Has Improved Its Response
South Korea Plans 'Decapitation Unit' To Try To Scare North's Leaders
White House Weighs Lowering Refugee Quota To Below 50,000
Median US Household Income Up For 2nd Straight Year
Edith Windsor, Whose Same-Sex Marriage Fight Led To Landmark Ruling, Dies At 88
De Blasio, Seeking Second Term, Wins An Easy Victory
After More Than 20 Years, Newark To Regain Control Of Its Schools

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Washington Post:
Paychecks Hit High For Middle Class
Push For Tax Cuts Runs Into Old Problem: A Divided GOP
Apple Edges Closer To Fraught Age Of Facial Recognition Tech
42 Years Later, A Guilty Plea In Murder Of Md. Sisters
Florida Prepares For Days — And Maybe Weeks — Without Power
After Irma, A Former Gem In The US Virgin Islands Is Reduced To A Wasteland

Financial Times:
UK Cites Fox News As Hurdle To Rupert Murdoch's Sky Deal
Thousands Protest In France Against Macron's Labour Reforms
North Korea's Opaque Trading Network Keeps Economy Afloat
South Africa Businesses Under Pressure To Cut KPMG Ties
Washington Times:
Liberals With Eye On Presidency Rush To Support Sanders's 'Medicare For All' Bill
Trump Punishes Sanctuary Countries, Halts Visas For Nations That Refuse To Cooperate On Deportations
Islamic State's Rumiyah Magazine Glosses Over Losses To Boost Terrorist Morale
Stunning Testimony: Voting Machines Can Be Hacked Without A Trace Of Evidence
Ken Burns Goes Back To War: Vietnam Documentary Tells Uneasy Story From All Sides

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Hurricane Irma-Florida Keys; Hurricane Irma-Utility Damage; Hurricane Irma-Caribbean; Hurricane Jose-Forecast; Hurricanes-Vehicle Damages; Baltimore Police Violence Trial; Steve Bannon Interview-Comey Firing; Maryland Abduction Cold Case; Apple-New Product Announcement; California-Street Vendor Police Bribery; Parking Lot Plane Crash; Edith Windsor Dies; Hurricane Irma-Recovery.
CBS: Hurricane Irma-Florida Keys; Hurricane Irma-Utility Damages; Hurricane Irma-Caribbean; Hurricane Harvey-Recovery; Equifax-Cyber Security Breach; Russia Meddling-Special Council Investigation; New Hampshire Police Violence Investigation; Edith Windsor Dies; Parking Lot Plane Crash; Apple-New Product Announcement.
NBC: Hurricane Irma-Florida Keys; Hurricane Irma-US Navy Rescue Missions; Hurricane Irma-Utility Damages; Hurricane Irma-Caribbean; Equifax-Cyber Security Breach; Edith Windsor Dies; Menopause-Hormone Therapy Safety; Parking Lot Plane Crash; Trump-Grand Child; Sleeping Together With Dog; Apple-New Product Announcement.

Network TV At A Glance:
Hurricane Irma – 29 minutes, 20 seconds
Apple-New Product Announcement – 4 minutes, 50 seconds
Equifax-Cyber Security Breach – 4 minutes, 35 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Hurricane Irma; Baltimore Police Violence Trial; Philadelphia Amtrack Crash Trial.
CBS: Hurricane Irma; UN-North Korea Sanctions; Edith Windsor Dies; Apple-New Product Announcement; Wall Street News.
FOX: Trump-Tax Reform; Hurricane Irma; Amazon HQ-Boston.
NPR: Hurricane Irma; Macron-Caribbean Aid Pledge; Sen. Sanders-Healthcare Bill; Trump-Tax Reform; Seattle Mayor Resigns.

Last Laughs:

LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

Jimmy Kimmel: "Hillary Clinton's new book came out today. It is called 'What Happened.' That's not a joke. That's what it is called. This is why Hillary lost. A real President doesn't write books.

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They write tweets."

James Corden: "Texas Senator Ted Cruz is coming under fire because, late last night, his official Twitter account liked a pornographic video. So, if you ever meet Ted Cruz on the campaign trail, you might want to think twice before shaking that hand."

Trevor Noah: "Everyone is freaking out about this and calling it a possible scandal all because a politician may have watched porn. Come on, people. No big deal. Everyone watches porn. Alright? It's part of being a norm human being, which is exactly why we know Ted Cruz didn't do it."

Jimmy Fallon: "I guess Hillary Clinton's book 'What Happened' came out today, and I heard that it's almost 500 pages long. Unfortunately, the only person with enough time to read it is Hillary Clinton."

Seth Meyers: "Hillary Clinton's new book titled 'What Happened' was released today, as was Putin's new book 'Me.'"

Seth Meyers: "President Trump will reportedly visit China in November. 'Oh, can you pick up my handbags?' asked Ivanka."

Conan O'Brien: "On Twitter last night, someone discovered that Republican Senator Ted Cruz liked a tweet from a porn account. As you can imagine, that was one very embarrassing day for that porn account."

Conan O'Brien: "The new iPhone will be able to track stair climbing and mountain hiking. The big question is, will it have any features for Americans?"

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To ACF Senior Leadership-

Attached are the **July and August** reports of the Office of Regional Operation's (ORO) work on state relations, partnerships, and cross-program technical assistance. In the last two months, Regional Administrators have visited and met with at least 17 state and territory human services commissioners and their senior staff to learn about their key priorities and needs from ACF. The reports also highlight state policy and budget updates, including a number of new laws and initiatives related to child welfare, early childhood, and homelessness. Regions continue to work on strengthening state relationships, building and expanding public-private partnerships, and sharing state and local innovations.

In addition, ORO continues to work closely with OHSEPR and Program Offices to provide daily Executive Briefing reports for leadership regarding Emergency Response activities for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

We greatly appreciate the partnership with staff from all the Program Offices. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to call on us.

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FYI,
Scott,
Attached, please find the last officially approved NERP (in 2016). The revision of the NERP and the development of the Ebola (EVD) annex were part of an NSC effort in 2014. We worked with all the agencies listed on page #4-5 (except ARC) to clear this document through their ExecSecs. Clearance process included HHS StaffDivs and OpDvids. Former ACF Assistant Secretary and all applicable ACF Divisions, also reviewed and approved this plan. See the command structure on page # 13.

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I have attached this week's litigation update.

UAC litigation. In *Flores* (bond hearings), on 9/15, the 9th Circuit ordered that the case is not selected for inclusion in the Mediation Program (counsel may contact circuit mediator to discuss services). Also, on 9/19, the Acting Solicitor General determined the United States would not seek en banc review of the July 5 decision by the 9th Circuit.

Refugee litigation. No updates this week.

UAC bond hearings.

- There are currently 21 outstanding bond hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled for the Arlington court on October 18.
    - ORR is responding today to a scheduling notice for a bond hearing received from the San Francisco court.
    - Due to administrative problems at the New York court, ORR is re-filing motions, but must first receive confirmation from the court that the cases have been properly moved to that venue and have a judge assigned.
    - ORR will next file cases in San Antonio, TX and Portland, OR (2 in Portland mailed this week)
- Since last week, ORR argued two bond hearings:
    - San Francisco, CA (telephonically). ORR submitted a letter signed by the Director indicating ORR did not consider the minor to be a danger. The judge made a ruling consistent with that letter.
    - Arlington, VA. The judge continued the case to October, advising either transfer to another care provider facility or release by that time.
- **To date there have been:**

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- 5 hearings resulting in IJ decisions. In all cases the judges agreed with ORR.
- 16 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests
- 1 UAC who requested a bond hearing, but due to insufficient notice to ORR the court declined to provide the hearing and instead scheduled a Master Calendar Hearing.
- 10 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., because they were subsequently reunified with a sponsor, were ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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Good Afternoon,

I have discussed this email with leadership.

In these particular situations, the child should seek spiritual counseling, options counseling, and parental notification via a family session.

Counseling can be provided at :

Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend	4730 Everhart St	Corpus Christi	TX

Please notify ORR when these services have been provided.

I have added Mr. De La Cruz in case he has additional guidance

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Please be advised that IES LF Shelter has a 17-year-old female UAC ((b)(6) (b)(6) from Guatemala in care (DOE 9/7/17) whom is inquiring about the possibility of terminating pregnancy. On 9/18/17 UAC disclosed to assigned Clinician that she did not wish to continue her pregnancy, she shared she wished to end her pregnancy and return to home country as she has no viable sponsor options. UAC attended initial OB/GYN appointment on 09/11/2017 at RGV Women's Health Center-Harlingen with (b)(6) An intrauterine pregnancy was confirmed by an OB sonogram Gestation is +/- 9 weeks. UAC did not share her thoughts with obstetrician during visit.

Please note, (b)(6) (obstetrician) and PCP (b)(6) are not currently aware UAC is seeking to terminate pregnancy, at this time the UAC has only shared this information with her assigned Clinician. In addition, care provider has not reached out to any community medical providers regarding minor's request, no appointment for the procedure/service has been made. This information has been elevated to designated ORR FFS and a Significant Incident Addendum (Event# 106940) has been submitted with regards to UAC's request for above referenced medical service. At this time care provider is reaching out to ORR Medical team in the hopes of obtaining procedural guidance regarding minor's specific request. Please advise on how to proceed with minor's request for this heightened medical service, thank you, we will wait for further guidance.

*Password for attachment will follow in separate email, thank you.

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Cc: Tomlinson, Martin M. (CIV)
Subject: FW: Unaccompanied minor access to abortion - urgent concern

By way of update, this is the latest from ACLU, if we could discuss on Monday that would be great.

From: Brigitte Amiri [mailto:bamiri@aclu.org]
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Peter & Marty:

Thank you, Peter, for taking the time to speak with me on your day off. As I explained on the phone, I have been informed that there is a minor in the IES Los Fresnos, Texas shelter who has requested an abortion. Her immigration attorneys are ProBar. Her A # is (b)(6). Her advocates have been told that she must receive counseling at an anti-abortion crisis pregnancy center in Corpus Christi, over two hours away, before ORR will even consider the abortion request. This raises multiple concerns. Forcing a young women to receive counseling from a CPC violates her First Amendment rights and privacy rights, as detailed in the attached case. Also, it seems as though ORR is wielding veto power over her abortion request. The government (or any person) exercise veto power over another's abortion decision as detailed in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 505 U.S. 833 (1992). The delay created by these obstacles is also troubling; although abortion is very safe, each each the pregnancy progresses increases the risks associated with the procedure.

I appreciate that you are taking these concerns seriously. I look forward to speaking with when you have an update.

Best,
Brigitte

From: Westlaw@westlaw.com <Westlaw@westlaw.com>
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Thank you.

She does not have to be the person to speak with her parents, but her parents have to know that she is pregnant. If she wants the abortion, we need her parents' consent.

Understood on number two.

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Thank you,
Scott

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Jonathan,

A few things to add, please:

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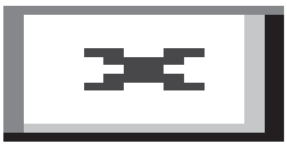
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FYSA. More to follow.

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All,

Please be advised that care provider just received notice from legal service provider ProBar (see attached email correspondence) that UAC has a hearing scheduled on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 8:00a.m. in the 107th District Court at the Cameron County Courthouse located in Brownsville, Texas. Therefore, care provider will reschedule counseling appointment for Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Please do not hesitate to contact me should anyone have any questions, we will be in touch.

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Good Afternoon Dr. Bartholomew,

I appreciate the additional guidance regarding this matter, we will proceed accordingly. Please note, care provider has secured counseling appointment with ORR approved provider on Monday at 10:00 a.m. The center is about 2.5-hour drive from our facility and we have informed their office of our estimated time of arrival. With regard to parental notification and consent, as previously noted, we will continue working with the UAC and notify ORR of any new developments. Again, we will ensure to proceed as directed and keep ORR updated on this matter. Should we have any further questions or concerns we will be sure to reach out to ORR promptly, thank you again for the issued guidance, we will be in touch.

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Thank you for your email. Please let ORR know when an appointment has been made for the options counseling. Please ensure that the child receives all emotional / psychological support that she might need to work through her thoughts and emotions during what is certainly a difficult time.

I have spoken to leadership. To clarify, the program is not authorized to take her to receive termination services, or to any appointments that would prepare her for a termination, without consent from the Director. ORR Director consent cannot happen without written and notarized consent of her parents. Program should proceed with life-affirming options counseling and notification to the parents of the pregnancy and the request for termination, if still desired.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact ORR.

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Good Afternoon Dr. Bartholomew, thank you for your prompt guidance.

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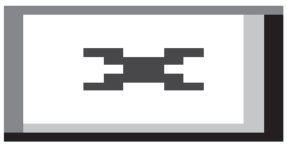
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Subject:	Appointment to meet with minor ((b)(6)
Date:	Fri, 22 Sep 2017 22:11:15 +0000

Good Afternoon,

We will ensure that UAC be ready for tomorrow (9/23/17) at requested time. Also, UAC will be at the court building at the requested time and date.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon (b)(6)
Attorneys Rochelle Garza and Marie Christine Cortez, copied here, represent the above referenced minor on a legal matter and will be meeting with her at the shelter on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** They will be following this email with a notice of representation.
The minor has a hearing scheduled on **Monday, September 25, 2017** in the 107th District Court at the **Cameron County Courthouse** located at **974 E. Harrison St., Brownsville, Texas 78520**. Please have the minor present at **7:30 a.m.**
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Best,

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Please see below and attached.
I have advised (b)(6) at IES that direction from ORR Director and/or HHS OGC will be forthcoming.

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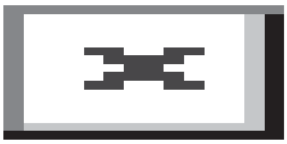
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Good Evening,

Please find attached "Letter of Representation" from Attorney Garza representing minor at Monday's court hearing, please advise, thank you.

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All,

Please be advised that care provider just received notice from legal service provider ProBar (see attached email correspondence) that UAC has a hearing scheduled on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 8:00a.m. in the 107th District Court at the Cameron County Courthouse located in Brownsville, Texas. Therefore, care provider will reschedule counseling appointment for Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Please do not hesitate to contact me should anyone have any questions, we will be in touch.

Thank you,

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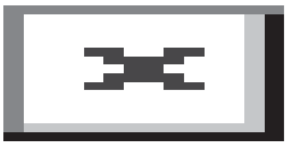
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Good Afternoon Dr. Bartholomew,

I appreciate the additional guidance regarding this matter, we will proceed accordingly. Please note, care provider has secured counseling appointment with ORR approved provider on Monday at 10:00 a.m. The center is about 2.5-hour drive from our facility and we have informed their office of our estimated time of arrival. With regard to parental notification and consent, as previously noted, we will continue working with the UAC and notify ORR of any new developments. Again, we will ensure to proceed as directed and keep ORR updated on this matter. Should we have any further questions or concerns we will be sure to reach out to ORR promptly, thank you again for the issued guidance, we will be in touch.

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email. Please let ORR know when an appointment has been made for the options counseling. Please ensure that the child receives all emotional / psychological support that she might need to work through her thoughts and emotions during what is certainly a difficult time.

I have spoken to leadership. To clarify, the program is not authorized to take her to receive termination services, or to any appointments that would prepare her for a termination, without consent from the Director. ORR Director consent cannot happen without written and notarized consent of her parents. Program should proceed with life-affirming options counseling and notification to the parents of the pregnancy and the request for termination, if still desired.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact ORR.

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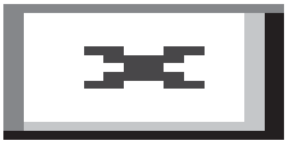
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Good Afternoon Dr. Bartholomew, thank you for your prompt guidance.

We will proceed as directed and ensure to keep ORR up-to-date. Please note, at this time UAC continues to voice she does not wish to disclose pregnancy to her parents whom reside in home country (GU). To our knowledge and according to UAC she has no "next of kin" residing in the U.S. Potential sponsor and minor's POC in U.S. was an unverified "aunt" who declined to sponsor, there has been no further contact between care provider and this individual. Assigned Clinician will continue working closely with UAC with the hope that she will reconsider, at this point are there any other actions care provider must take due to the UAC being unwilling to proceed with parental notification?? We will be sure to inform ORR once appointment is secured, thank you.

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Good Afternoon,

I have discussed this email with leadership.

In these particular situations, the child should seek spiritual counseling, options counseling, and parental notification via a family session.

Counseling can be provided at :

Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend	4730 Everhart St	Corpus Christi	TX

Please notify ORR when these services have been provided.

I have added Mr. De La Cruz in case he has additional guidance

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Importance: High

Good Evening,

Please be advised that IES LF Shelter has a 17-year-old female UAC (b)(6) (b)(6) from Guatemala in care (DOE 9/7/17) whom is inquiring about the possibility of terminating pregnancy. On 9/18/17 UAC disclosed to assigned Clinician

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that she did not wish to continue her pregnancy, she shared she wished to end her pregnancy and return to home country as she has no viable sponsor options. UAC attended initial OB/GYN appointment on 09/11/2017 at RGV Women's Health Center-Harlingen with (b)(6) An intrauterine pregnancy was confirmed by an OB sonogram Gestation is +/- 9 weeks. UAC did not share her thoughts with obstetrician during visit.

Please note (b)(6) (obstetrician) and PCP (b)(6) are not currently aware UAC is seeking to terminate pregnancy, at this time the UAC has only shared this information with her assigned Clinician. In addition, care provider has not reached out to any community medical providers regarding minor's request, no appointment for the procedure/service has been made. This information has been elevated to designated ORR FFS and a Significant Incident Addendum (Event# 106940) has been submitted with regards to UAC's request for above referenced medical service. At this time care provider is reaching out to ORR Medical team in the hopes of obtaining procedural guidance regarding minor's specific request. Please advise on how to proceed with minor's request for this heightened medical service, thank you, we will wait for further guidance.

*Password for attachment will follow in separate email, thank you.

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Scott,

As discussed, please find attached the repatriation exercise documents for next week, organized by ASPR.

Best,

Pedro

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Subject: Repartiation SQREX Read Ahead Materials

Hi Tom,

As promised, the read ahead materials for the Repatriation SQREX are attached. Please forward to Chris and on to the schedulers for distribution to the invitees. I will send the final documents to the planning team directly. I recommend participants read the HHS NERP SQREX Situation Manual and the HHS NERP SQREX Slide Presentation first. The other documents are for deeper background and reference.

V/R

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Scott,

The one pager became a two pager but this is still succinct given the complexity of the case. Thanks to Michael and Laura for their help preparing it.

Please review for any edits you wish to make. (b)(5)

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I have attached the info memo to S1 on the UAC case. Please let us know if you have any questions. We should send this to Steve and then send it to Maggie/ Tim Clark.

Thanks,
Laura

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ACF Congressional Daily News for Friday, September 29, 2017

House and Senate Floor Activity

The Senate and House are not in session today and will reconvene on October 2.

OLAB Hearing Coverage

On October 4, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a markup of H.R. 3548, the Border Security for America Act.

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Congressional Press Releases Related to ACF

DOMESTIC VOILENCE

Blunt, Klobuchar Introduce Bill to Strengthen Privacy Protections for Domestic Violence Victims – Sen. Blunt (R-MO)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Cortez Masto Urges Coordination among Local, State, and Federal Authorities to Crack Down on Human Trafficking in Indian Country – Sen. Costez Masto (D-NV)

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Murkowski on Human Trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives – Sen. Murkowski (R-AK)

Tester Combats Human Trafficking in Indian Country – Sen Tester (D-MT)

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Rep. Lieu Responds to Trump's Plan to Reduce Refugee Cap – Rep. Lieu (D-CA)

Carper Statement on Trump's Decision to Cut Refugee Admissions – Sen. Carper (D-DE)

Goodlatte Statement on Trump Administration's Refugee Ceiling for FY 2018 – Rep. Goodlatte (R-VA)

Pascrell Statement on Trump Administration Reduction in Refugee Acceptance – Rep. Pascrell (D-NJ)

Congressional Daily News

Bloomberg Government reports on today's congressional activity below.

What to Watch Next Week

By Robin Meszoly | September 29, 2017 8:42AM ET

Budget and taxes, immigration and abortion restrictions will top the agenda as Congress kicks off the new fiscal year.

Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said the House would vote next week on its fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 71) shepherded by Budget Committee Chairman Diane Black (R-Tenn.).

Adopting the budget resolution with reconciliation instructions would pave the way for an overhaul of the tax code by a simple majority in the Senate.

The decision by the House Freedom Caucus to endorse the tax framework unveiled by GOP leaders removed a potential hurdle for adoption of the blueprint.

The Senate Budget Committee plans to mark up that chamber's budget resolution next week, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said.

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ABORTION: The House plans to vote on a measure (H.R. 36) that would make it a crime to perform or attempt an abortion if the probable post-fertilization age of the fetus is 20 weeks or more. The proposed Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would provide exceptions in cases of rape or incest.

The House has passed similar bills in the two previous Congresses, largely along party lines.

OBAMACARE: We'll be watching for a potential bipartisan agreement to help stabilize individual insurance markets. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) told reporters yesterday that he and the committee's ranking Democrat Patty Murray (Wash.) are close to a deal and need the support of leaders and members to move forward.

NOMINATION: Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai is up for a confirmation vote Monday for a new five-year term. The Senate voted 55-41 yesterday to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pai, who has drawn Democrats' criticism over plans to rewrite Obama administration rules on net neutrality and broadband classification.

The same day, former Equifax Inc. Chairman and CEO Richard Smith, is scheduled to testify before a House Energy and Commerce Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee oversight hearing on the cyberbreach at the company that resulted in the theft of more than 143 million Americans' personal data. Smith returns to Capitol Hill Wednesday to appear before Senate Banking Committee. The Senate Judiciary Privacy, Technology and the Law Subcommittee plans a hearing that day on the Equifax breach.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and other Democrats are citing the Wells Fargo and Equifax scandals as a reason Congress shouldn't kill a rule designed to make it easier for consumers to sue financial firms.

EX-PRESIDENTS' PERKS: The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee plans Wednesday to mark up legislation (S. 1791) sponsored by Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) that would cap former presidents' monetary allowances for items such as office space and staff salaries, and reduce the allowance by each dollar of income a former president earns in excess of $400,000.

"With the national debt quickly approaching $20 trillion, we cannot afford to generously subsidize the perks of former presidents to the tune of millions of dollars," Ernst said in a Sept. 12 statement. She cited "former presidents raking in tens of millions of dollars from book deals, speaking engagements and more."

Then-President Barack Obama vetoed similar legislation last year, saying it "would impose onerous and unreasonable burdens on the offices of former presidents" and terminate staffers' salaries abruptly. The

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House Oversight and Government Reform Committee approved a companion bill (H.R. 3739) by voice vote Sept. 13.

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ACF Congressional Daily News for Tuesday, October 3, 2017

House and Senate Floor Activity

The Senate and House meet at 10 a.m.

OLAB Hearing Coverage

On October 4, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will markup a bill concerning abstinence education and the PREP program. For a post-markup summary, please contact OLAB's Preeti Kanodia.

Congressional Press Releases Related to ACF

LIHEAP

ICYMI: Shea-Porter, Bipartisan Group of Members Press for More LIHEAP Funding – Rep. Shea-Porter (D-NH)

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Hoyer Statement on the Trump Administration's Decision to Admit Fewer Refugees to the United States – Rep. Hoyer (D-MD)

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UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

Reps. Roybal-Allard & Jayapal Statement on White House Immigration Proposal – Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

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BUDGET

RSC Budget Allows Conservatives to Lay Down Austere Marker – Roll Call

Bloomberg Government reports on today's congressional activity below.

What to Watch Today

By James Rowley | October 3, 2017 8:53AM ET

Unable to repeal Obamacare or dramatically cut government spending, House Republicans will try to rally their party's socially conservative base with a floor vote today on a measure that would limit legal abortion.

The measure would permit abortion only in the first 20 weeks of pregnancy except in cases of rape, incest or a threat to a woman's life.

This will be the third time for consideration of this type of bill in the six years Republicans have held their House majority. In 2013 and 2015, the House passed legislation banning late-term abortions. Both measures died in the Senate, which Democrats controlled in 2013 and had the power to deploy the filibuster to block consideration in 2015.

Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), who has sponsored all three versions of the bill he calls the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, said in a Twitter post yesterday that his legislation is urgently needed because "unborn babies feel pain by at least 20 weeks. Late, dismemberment abortions are too extreme for America."

Medical organizations such as the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have disputed claims that fetuses feel pain at 20 weeks of gestation.

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Many Republicans campaigned on promises to repeal Obamacare and bar Planned Parenthood, a leading abortion provider, from federal funding.

With efforts to repeal Obamacare having failed so far and legislation to overhaul the tax code still to be written, Republicans are pushing what lawmakers call message bills as a "compensatory gesture" to their political base, Rutgers University political scientist Russ Baker said.

“They need to compensate the right-to-life people who were such a big element” in their political coalition, said Baker.

An effort earlier this year to defund Planned Parenthood failed during spending negotiations for the remainder of fiscal 2017. Democrats used their leverage in those talks to craft the $1.1 trillion spending package that rejected Trump’s demand to cut $18 billion from domestic programs.

The Supreme Court has upheld the legality of abortion through 24 weeks of pregnancy, when a fetus is generally believed to be capable of living outside the womb.

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HHS SECRETARY'S NEWS BRIEFING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017 6:00 AM EDT

Top National Stories:

AS ACA ENROLLMENT NEARS, ADMINISTRATION KEEPS CUTTING FEDERAL SUPPORT OF THE LAW

Washington Post (10/5, Juliet Eilperin)
The Washington Post reports on its front page that President Trump directly weighed in on Iowa's Section 1332 waiver request to implement a "stopgap measure" aimed at revitalizing its "ailing health-insurance marketplace." The Post reports that Trump "read about the request in a newspaper story," called then-Secretary of HHS Tom Price who was traveling in Asia and unavailable, and then the "president called Seema Verma, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency charged with authorizing or rejecting Section 1332 applications." "Trump's message was clear, according to individuals who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations: Tell Iowa no." The president's "highly unusual intervention" in the Iowa waiver process comes amid claims from ACA advocates that the Administration "has done more to suppress the number of people signing up" for ACA plans "than to boost it."

More Coverage. Trump Told HHS To Deny Request To Fix Iowa ObamaCare Market: Report (The Hill, 10/5, Julia Manchester), Trump Directed HHS To Deny Iowa's Proposal To Prevent Healthcare Market Collapse (New York Daily News, 10/6)

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SET TO ROLL BACK BIRTH CONTROL MANDATE

New York Times (10/5, Robert Pear)
The New York Times reports that the Trump Administration could issue new rules as early as Friday which would expand exemptions to the federal requirement that employers include "birth control coverage in their health insurance plans." The Times says, "More than 55 million women have access to birth control without co-payments because of the contraceptive coverage mandate, according to a study commissioned by the Obama administration." The new rule would exempt "any employer or insurer that objects to covering contraceptive services 'based on its sincerely held religious beliefs'" and any employers that have "moral convictions" against covering contraceptives. Dr. Haywood L. Brown, President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said, "Affordable contraception for women saves lives. It prevents pregnancies. It improves maternal mortality. It prevents adolescent pregnancies."

More Coverage. Trump Administration To Narrow Affordable Care Act's Contraception Mandate (Washington Post, 10/5, William Wan and Juliet Eilperin)

Health Reform, Marketplaces & Healthcare:

MANY STATES BLAME TRUMP, GOP FOR OBAMACARE PREMIUM INCREASES

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The Hill (10/5, Jessie Hellmann)
The Hill reports that 20 states are blaming ACA "premium increases next year" on "uncertainty caused by the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress," an analysis conducted by Protect Our Care found. The group, which advocates the ACA, examined data from 28 states "where final, state-approved rates are public, and found that 20 specifically cited uncertainty at the federal level for at least part of the reason for increases."

JOHNSON THREATENS TO SUBPOENA OPM OVER OBAMACARE 'CONGRESSIONAL EXEMPTION'
The Hill (10/5, Rachel Roubein)
The Hill reports Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) says he will "subpoena documents from the Office of Personnel Management [OPM] over what he refers to as the ObamaCare 'congressional exemption.'" The article says the senator "has criticized rules that allow members of Congress and their staff to receive employer contributions toward their ObamaCare health plans." In a letter dated August 16, Johnson requested that OPM explain why this is allowed.

More Coverage. Sen. Ron Johnson Threatens To Subpoena OPM Over Obamacare 'exemption' (Washington Times, 10/5, Tom Howell Jr.)

HIGHMARK'S OBAMACARE POLICIES TO RISE 25 PERCENT IN DELAWARE
Wilmington (DE) News Journal (10/5)
The Wilmington (DE) News Journal reports Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield will continue to offer ACA plans through Delaware's exchange in 2018, but the insurer will raise rates by 25 percent. The company had actually requested an increase of 33.6 percent in June, but state insurance regulators reduced the figure. The article adds that Highmark will be the only ACA option for Delaware residents, since Aetna Inc. decided to exit the state's marketplace.

More Coverage. Delawareans To Pay 25 Percent More For ACA Coverage (Associated Press, 10/5, Randall Chase)

HOUSE DEM CALLS FOR BIPARTISAN TALKS TO FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE
The Hill (10/5, Rachel Roubein)
The Hill reports Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr (D-NJ), the House Energy and Commerce Committee's top Democrat, announced Thursday that "Republicans' actions in Committee make it more difficult to come to a bipartisan agreement and will further delay reauthorization of" the Children's Health Insurance Program, "Community Health Centers and other important public health laws." The statement came after the committee approved a partisan measure Wednesday. Pallone called for renewed negotiations on the legislation. He added that funding for CHIP and community health centers has historically been a bipartisan issue, and said "that should not be any different this year."

More Coverage. The GOP Is Holding Children Hostage, They Must Reauthorize CHIP (U.S. News & World Report, 10/5), Hospitals Brace For Unpaid Bills If GOP Balks On Children's Healthcare (Forbes, 10/5, Bruce Japsen)

SANDERS BLASTS PROPOSED MEDICARE CUTS: THESE 'WILL KILL PEOPLE'
The Hill (10/5, Niv Elis)
The Hill reports Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) "berated his Republican colleagues on Thursday over proposed cuts to health spending" during the Senate Budget Committee markup of a Republican budget that outlined $473 billion in cuts to Medicare and $1 trillion to Medicaid. He said, "These are cuts that will kill people, these are cuts that will hurt people, and these are cuts that should not in a humane society be allowed to take place." Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) defended the proposal, saying, "Nobody up here wants to hurt Medicare. Nobody does. But we have to mindful of the costs."

More Coverage. Democrats Attack Republican Budget's Changes To Healthcare Programs

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(Washington Examiner, 10/5)

TOM PRICE'S FLIGHT REIMBURSEMENT CHECK TO US TREASURY HAS BEEN PROCESSED

CNN (10/5, Sophie Tatum and Rene Marsh)

CNN reports the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed Thursday that former Secretary Tom Price paid $51,887.31 prior to his resignation to reimburse taxpayers for the cost of his seats on private flights. CNN adds that the "total cost of the travel was estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and his check was to cover his seat on the flights rather than the entire cost of the flights."

More Coverage. Tom Price Did Reimburse Government For Seats On Private Jets (Washington Examiner, 10/5), Price's $51K Check To HHS For Private Flights Processed (The Hill, 10/5, Josh Delk)

FEDS ACTIVATE EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM FOR UNINSURED PUERTO RICANS

The Hill (10/5, Jessie Hellmann)

The Hill reports that the Department of Health and Human Services has launched the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP), which "will pay for prescription medications for uninsured Puerto Ricans impacted by Hurricane Maria." Dr. Robert Kadlec, HHS's assistant secretary for preparedness and response, said, "We are dedicated to helping these Americans living in Puerto Rico meet their medical needs during this disaster, and I encourage uninsured residents to take advantage of this vital assistance."

GRAHAM BRINGS 20-WEEK ABORTION BAN TO SENATE WITH 45 CO-SPONSORS

The Hill (10/5, Jessie Hellmann)

The Hill reports that Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) on Thursday proposed the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," a 20-week ban on abortion backed by "45 GOP senators." The article says a "similar bill passed the House" two days ago, but Graham's bill is unlikely to pass the upper chamber. The measure "would make it illegal for any person to perform or attempt an abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy with the possibility of five years in prison, fines or both."

More Coverage. Abortion Fight May Draw Trump's Filibuster Wrath (Politico, 10/5, Burgess Everett), Lindsey Graham Says He Doesn't Support Ending Filibuster As He Introduces Abortion Ban (Washington Examiner, 10/5), Cheney Backs 'Fetal Pain' Abortion Ban In Congress (Casper (WY) Star-Tribune, 10/5)

CAR CRASH DEATH RATES HIGHEST IN REMOTEST RURAL AREAS

Reuters (10/5)

Reuters reports fatalities from car crashes grow as population density decreases, due partially to a difference in seat belt usage, according to a CDC study. Lead study author Laurie Beck of the CDC said, "We already knew that death rates were higher and seat belt use was lower in rural versus urban areas. This study expanded those findings to show that, even within rural areas, there are differences in passenger-vehicle occupant death rates and seat belt use."

DRUGMAKERS IN STORM-BATTERED PUERTO RICO MUST NOW RIDE OUT RECOVERY

Bloomberg News (10/4, Michelle Cortez and Jared S Hopkins)

Bloomberg News reports that while pharmaceutical companies "rode out Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico," it is "likely to be tougher" to keep their facilities "running while the devastated island picks up the pieces." Speaking about the hurricane's impact, FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said, "I've never seen something on this scale. This is an existential risk we face as a nation." The FDA "is monitoring the production of about 40 drugs from 10 companies, including 13 that are made only in Puerto Rico." While "none of the companies with operations on the island have said they expect shortages as a result of Maria, having stocked up inventories ahead of the storm," industry analysts "are concerned that bottlenecks could develop as Maria's effects

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SENATE PANEL TO HOLD DRUG PRICING HEARING AFTER DELAY
The Hill (10/5, Nathaniel Weixel)
The Hill reports that the Senate Health Committee "will hold a second hearing as part of the panel's investigation into high cost drugs after the committee's chairman delayed the hearing for months due to partisan fighting over ObamaCare repeal." According to Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), the committee chairman, the hearing will be a "deeper dive" into the prescription drug process "beginning with a manufacturer's development of a drug, the different steps through which the drug travels before arriving in the patient's hands, how this is paid for, and what the costs are at each of the different steps."

Opioid News:

OPIOID EPIDEMIC 'GETTING WORSE INSTEAD OF BETTER,' PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN
USA Today (10/5, Michael Collins)
USA Today reports Dr. Francis Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health, said at a Senate hearing on the opioid crisis, "We need all hands on deck." Collins "said more emphasis must be placed on alternative treatments, such as acupuncture, which might be effective in treating pain and would keep people from getting addicted to drugs." Dr. Debra Houry, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, testified at a Senate hearing that the opioid crisis "is one of the few public health problems that is getting worse instead of better."

More Coverage. Senators, Agencies Plot Ways To Head Off Opioids Addiction (Washington Times, 10/5, Tom Howell Jr.), NIH Director Pushes For Research On Non-opioid Pain Treatments (The Hill, 10/5, Rachel Roubein), Sen. Alexander Kicks Off Series Of Capitol Hill Hearings Addressing Opioid Crisis (Chattanooga (TN) Times Free Press, 10/6, Elizabeth Fite)

TOP MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCHER SUGGESTS LINK BETWEEN OPIOID OVERDOSES AND SUICIDES
Huffington Post (10/5)
The Huffington Post reports that Joshua A. Gordon, MD, PhD, the director of the National Institute of Mental Health, "believes that there may be a stronger link between the opioid epidemic and suicide than previously realized." Dr. Gordon said, "There are, of course, links between addictions in general and opioid addictions in particular and suicide. There is a lot of concern that many of the overdose deaths could be suicides. We need to learn more about the prevalence of suicidality amongst opioid addicted individuals."

CLEANING UP 'METHADONE MILE' AND OTHER DRUG HAVENS
Associated Press (10/5, Philip Marcelo)
The AP reports on the "Methadone Mile" in Boston, a segment "of Massachusetts Avenue south of downtown where methadone clinics, sober homes and other drug treatment services have" proliferated next to Boston Medical Center. The article says the stretch has "become the city's most visible symbol of the national opioid crisis."

NEW JERSEY SUES DRUGMAKER INSYS OVER OPIOID PAINKILLER
Wall Street Journal (10/5, Sara Randazzo)
The Wall Street Journal reports New Jersey filed a lawsuit against opioid manufacturer Insys Therapeutics Inc on Thursday. Massachusetts recently announced a $500,000 settlement with the company following a similar lawsuit.

More Coverage. New Jersey Sues Insys As Opioid Maker Settles With Massachusetts (Reuters, 10/5, Nate Raymond), NJ Sues Insys Over Opioid-fentanyl Drug Subsys (North Jersey (NJ) Media Group, 10/5, Dustin Racioppi), New Jersey Sues Painkiller Company, Calls Its Conduct

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'Evil' (Associated Press, 10/5), N.J. Sues Major Opioids Maker Over 'Evil' Practices (NJ News, 10/5, S.P. Sullivan), New Jersey Sues Fentanyl Drug Maker (Daily Caller, 10/5, Steve Birr)

THE LAWYER WHO BEAT BIG TOBACCO TAKES ON THE OPIOID INDUSTRY
Bloomberg News (10/5, Esmé E. Deprez and Paul Barrett)
Bloomberg News reports that Mississippi's Mike Moore, who years ago was "the first state AG to sue tobacco companies for lying about nicotine addiction and hold them accountable for sick smokers' health-care costs," is turning his focus to the opioid crisis after his nephew almost suffered a fatal overdose.

FIRE CHIEFS URGE LAWMAKERS TO ACT ON OPIOID CRISIS
Associated Press (10/5)
The AP reports the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association this week issued "a statement...urging legislators to address opioid abuse." The article says association members support stricter "laws for people caught dealing narcotics and better recovery options for drug users." The story adds that drug overdose fatalities "in Connecticut have significantly increased in recent years," according to CDC data.

Blogs:

REDUCING THE EXTERNALITIES CAUSED BY LIMITED BENEFIT PLANS
Health Affairs (10/5, Katherine Hempstead)
Katherine Hempstead writes for the Health Affairs blog that harm to customers posed by "limited benefit or non-Affordable Care Act (ACA)-compliant health insurance products" is "neither necessary nor sufficient to make the case that limited benefit plans are bad for the market." Without the limited benefit option, it is not known how many of potentially more than 7 million customers would pursue ACA-compliant plans or go without insurance at all, and the limited benefit plans create "negative externalities in the ACA-compliant market" that may need to be regulated as "a recent analysis showed that nearly all states with adverse market outcomes have permitted the sales of limited coverage and transition products."

THE CHRONIC CARE ACT PASSES SENATE, OBSTACLES REMAIN
Health Affairs (10/5, Billy Wynne)
Billy Wynne writes for the Health Affairs blog that with the Senate's passage Tuesday of the Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act. The post outlines at length "the key components of the legislation, assesses its outlook in the House, and considers what its progress may tell us about the prospect for more bipartisan action on health care in the future."

NINE MILLION CHILDREN FALL VICTIM TO BACK-AND-FORTH BY LAWMAKERS
Think Progress (10/5, E. A. Crunden)
E. A. Crunden writes for Think Progress that lawmakers are "engaged in a precarious back-and-forth" over funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program after Congress allowed the program to expire. On Monday, House Republicans proposed tacking $1 billion in aid to Puerto Rico onto a proposal "funding CHIP for the next five years" while raising Medicare rates for "higher-income seniors" and "redirecting the ACA's prevention funds." Democrats support the program but don't want money taken from the ACA or Medicare.

Opinion:

WILL TRUMP TRUMPIFY THE FED?
New York Times (10/6, Paul Krugman)
Paul Krugman writes in his New York Times column that it appears "Rex Tillerson has demoralized and degraded the State Department to the point of uselessness." Krugman says former HHS Secretary Tom Price "did much the same to Health and Human Services before

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jetting off." He adds that "similar stories are unfolding throughout the executive branch."

HOUSE REPUBLICANS' UNFORGIVING ASSAULT ON THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE
Washington Post (10/5)
In an editorial, the Washington Post criticizes the House's passage of a measure to "ban abortions of fetuses that have passed 20 weeks of gestation." The Post calls the bill "an unforgiving assault on the freedom to choose," and adds that the fact that the Senate "almost certainly will not pass the bill," does not matter because Republicans "need money and passion from antiabortion groups, who insisted on moving the bill." The Post points out that one the measure's co-sponsors, Rep. Tim Murphy, on Thursday announced his resignation over a scandal in which he appeared to have pressed a mistress to have an abortion after a pregnancy scare. The Post notes that the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "says that fetuses cannot feel pain at 20 weeks."

THE HEALTH 202: THE HEALTH-CARE FIGHT IS BACK – AS PART OF THE GOP'S TAX OVERHAUL.
Washington Post (10/5, Paige Winfield)
Paige Winfield writes in the Washington Post "The Health 202" that Republicans are making another attempt to cut Medicaid spending in their tax reform proposal. She says the Senate Budget Committee "will consider a resolution that instructs lawmakers to find ways to reduce Medicaid spending by $1 trillion (and Medicare spending by $473 billion) over the next decade." Winfield adds that these cuts are much deeper than the ones proposed in Republicans' ACA repeal efforts, and "the GOP could barely advance those bills."

A SINGLE-PAYER LITMUS TEST WON'T HELP THE PROGRESSIVE AGENDA
Los Angeles Times (10/5, Tom Epstein)
Tom Epstein writes in a Los Angeles Times op-ed that the ACA remains the law of the land, after Republican's latest effort to repeal it failed. He says "many Democrats are embracing a single-payer 'Medicare for all' system as the next step in healthcare reform," yet "making single-payer the top priority now could jeopardize the gains made since passage of the Affordable Care Act, which is still being sabotaged by the Trump administration."

AUTOPSY OF A FAILED HEALTH INSURANCE EXPERIMENT: DID IT DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES, OR WAS IT MURDERED?
Huffington Post (10/5, Anthony W. Orlando)
Contributor Anthony W. Orlando writes in a Huffington Post piece that "quietly – so quietly that almost no one noticed – the Department of Health and Human Services pulled another Jenga block out of the teetering tower that is the Affordable Care Act." While the ACA "did not fall," it became more expensive. Orlando says HHS failed to process Oklahoma's 1332 waiver request which sought to lower premiums for ACA plans, and as a result, premiums for next year will be high. He wonders if that was "HHS's intent all along," and posits there is "malfeasance happening inside HHS."

DO AMERICANS FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HEALTH CARE NOW THAT TRUMP IS PRESIDENT?
Huffington Post (10/5, Laura Adams)
Contributor Laura Adams writes in the Huffington Post that President Trump "may have been elected for his strong stance against the Affordable Care Act," but his Administration "has done little to change Americans' attitude toward the nation's health care system as more than half of the population feels the same about Obamacare as they did before the 2016 presidential race." She adds that according to a recent survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International on behalf of insuranceQuotes, "53 percent of Americans' opinion toward the ACA...has not budged."

HHS PROPOSAL WOULD HURT HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS AND THEIR MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS

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The Hill (10/5, former Rep. Philip Gingrey (r-Ga.))
Former Rep. Philip Gingrey (R-GA) writes in an op-ed for The Hill that while Congress continues to debate the ACA's fate, "a significant change is making its way through the regulatory process that could dramatically reduce affordable access to prescription therapies for some of the nation's most vulnerable patients." Gingrey says CMS is proposing "drastic cuts to the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which provides the nation's safety-net hospitals and health-care facilities affordable access to prescription drugs for the many low-income patients that they serve." He warns that if CMS does not withdraw the proposal, "we put patients at risk."

ANOTHER HIDDEN ACA ATTACK
The Hill (10/5, Frederick Isasi and Stan Dorn)
Frederick Isasi and Stan Dorn write in The Hill "Congress Blog" that some are "characterizing the new Senate budget bill and related tax legislation as signs that the Republicans have temporarily stopped their fight against the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid." However, "hidden in the budget bill's underbelly are carefully crafted measures that lay the groundwork for another, purely partisan assault on Americans' health insurance."

TRUMP WANTS TO SELL HEALTH INSURANCE ACROSS STATE LINES. WHY THAT'S A BAD IDEA
Philadelphia (PA) Inquirer (10/5, Drew A. Harris)
Drew A. Harris, DPM, MPH, writes in a Philadelphia Inquirer op-ed that following the collapse of Senate Republicans' latest ACA repeal bill, President Trump "announced that he is issuing an executive order allowing the sale of health insurance across state lines." Harris says it remains "unclear whether he has the authority to do this, but this has long been proposed as a way to lower premiums." He argues, "If unfettered interstate sale of health policies is allowed, it's fairly certain that some states will weaken their health insurance regulations to attract new business, starting a race to the bottom."

National Front Page News:

HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

Wall Street Journal:
Russian Hackers Stole NSA Data On US Cyber Defense
From Broken Home To Real-Estate Riches: The Life Of The Las Vegas Shooter
No End In Sight For Stocks' Longest Streak In 20 Years
Shale Juggernaut Shows Signs Of Fatigue

New York Times:
Trump Is Expected To 'Decertify' The Iran Deal And Let Congress Deal With The Fallout
Decades Of Sexual Harassment Accusations Against Harvey Weinstein
For Republican Leaders In Congress, The Headaches Keep Mounting
Search For A Motive In Las Vegas: Slow But 'We'll Get There'
Kazuo Ishiguro Is Awarded The Nobel Prize In Literature
Deadly Ambush Of Green Berets In Niger Belies A 'Low-Risk' Mission
Catalonia Separatism Revives A Long-dormant Spanish Nationalism

Washington Post:
President's Iran Decision Imperils Vital Alliances
Trump Likely To 'Decertify' Deal With Iran
ACA Supporters See Sabotage In Cuts For Funds, Enrollment
A New Lifesaving Approach Is Put To The Test
New Organ Leads The 'Chaaarge!' At Nats Park
NRA: Restrict Rapid-Fire Gun Adapter

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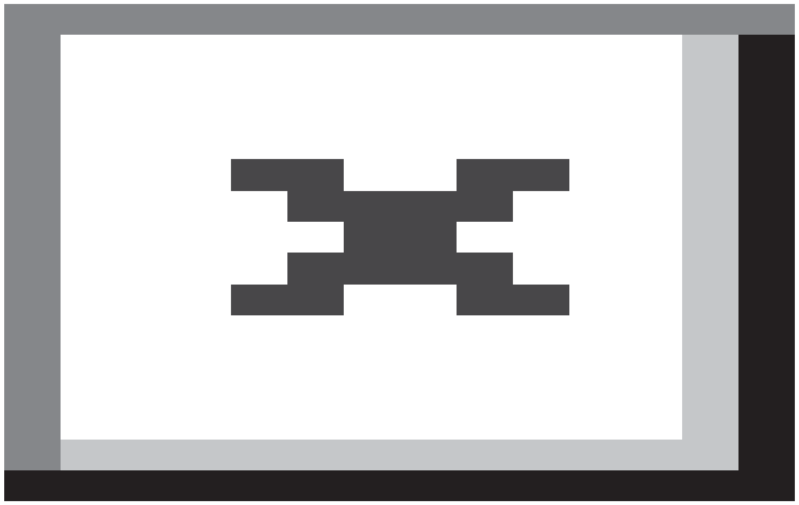
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Scott,

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Let me know if you want me to review the plan and see if I can find where they align.

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
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To: White, Laura (ACF)
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I don't understand this:

"Identify the strategic alignment document for each result driven element."

Any insight?

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Thanks,
Laura

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I've also heard we will getting an amicus brief tomorrow from Texas and various states.

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All,

Please find attached copies of the two opposition pleadings we filed today with the Court, as well as the opposition filed by USCCB. Thank you so much for your invaluable help with this. We will obviously keep you posted as to further developments. Hope you all enjoy the rest of your holiday weekends.

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Good Morning Mr. Lloyd,

I am writing to request further guidance regarding the following, I realize now I may have missed the opportunity to ask these questions to Mr. Wagner (AUSA) during our debriefing and i apologize for that but the following matters have arise and I am in need of guidance...

- • Since the "Jane Doe Due Process" case has been transferred to federal court, does any portion of the previously issued state court restraining order remain in place?? Such as the stipulations prohibiting care provider from
  - • "Disturbing the peace of the child Petitioner" ...this was explained to us by UAC's attorneys as all care provider staff must refrain from speaking with UAC about her pregnancy, "her baby", or her "decision to terminate"examples provided by attorneys were
    - • No sonograms
    - • No forcing UAC to listen to baby's heart rate
    - • No referring to UAC's baby or seeking discussion or making comments about her gestational period, her pregancy expectations, her feelings, etc...
    - • No "encouraging" her to discuss or make contact with her parents
    - • No "religion based" counseling regarding
  - • Care provider must refrain from "Making remarks to child petitioner's family that concern petitioner's pregnancy"....
  - • "Discussing any litigation concerning the child Petitioner in the presence or within hearing of the child Petitioner or on any form of social media"

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- • UAC has a OB/GYN appointment for basic prenatal care with Dr. Torres this afternoon at 2:30p.m. (CST), please note that OB Dr. Torres is not aware UAC has requeted to terminate preganancy, Dr. Torres is not aware of current litigation regarding the case of this minor, is care provider to discuss these matters directly with Dr. Torres??? Should the child be informed that care provider will discuss her request to terminate and current litigation with OB?
- • If UAC attends this prenatal care appointment, is the doctor to proceed with sonogram ???
- • Is child allowed to contact parents?? Her parents are named in the suit as "inflicting abuse on minor" is UAC able to make contact despite this claim" If UAC requests to make contact with mother/father is care provider to allow contact, if allowed is all contact to be monitored or may the UAC make contact with out monitoring?

Please advise, thank you so much in advance for your guidance!

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Brooks, Teresa (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

Teresa,

Many thanks for your work on this, and thank you for the update. I was very much reassured to know that you would be present this morning.

Barring any additional need to wrap things up with IES, please return to the rest of your day off. Let us know if you need anything—I am sure things will continue throughout the week.

Sincerely,
Scott

From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

Please be advised that at approximately 8:35 am CT, the Cameron County Judge, attorneys from Garza and Garza, who are/were representing the UAC at the State level, the UAC, and Mr. Paxton Warner, AUSA from the DOJ met in the Judge's chambers in

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a closed proceeding. Mr. Lucio, attorney for the IES staff, was also in chambers, as an observer to the proceeding as he has clients who have been affected by the legal process of the matter. DHS ICE ERO Officer, Eva Sanchez, was present at the Courthouse, outside of the courtroom and chambers. I was asked to wait immediately outside of the Judge's chambers.

During the discussion in chambers, Mr. Warner left chambers to inquire as to if the UAC had been "forced" to speak to her parents. I advised that the UAC had been afforded the right to speak to either or both of her parents since arriving into ORR custody, but to my awareness had not chosen to do so to date. It should be noted that the IES program did obtain a contact number for the UAC's father as the UAC had stated that she wished to speak to him at one time. Mr. Warner also asked if the IES program could provide the UAC could be provided with a new case manager as the UAC has stated that the current case manager was not effectively managing the UAC's case. (This is presumed to be referring to a possible family reunification case. At this time, it is my understanding that no viable sponsor has been identified for the UAC.) I informed Mr. Warner that IES would identify an appropriate case manager to assume oversight of the UAC's case. Finally, Mr. Warner stated that the attorneys for the UAC were concerned that an IES staff member was always within a visual "line of sight" of the UAC and the attorneys felt that this was not allowing the client sufficient privacy. I explained to Mr. Warner, that in accordance to TDFPS licensing standards, the attorneys are not considered trained child care providers, and in order to maintain standards of care, the staff needed to maintain sight of the UAC, but were not in able to hear/overhear any confidential attorney- client communication.

Mr. Warner took the information back to chambers. When Mr. Warner returned he advised that the UAC should be returned to her placement at the IES shelter program in Los Fresnos, TX. Mr. Warner stated that the case, in its entirety, had been moved to a Federal court venue. Mr. Warner advised that the attorneys from Garza and Garza would continue to represent the UAC in the case.

Mr. Lucio conferred with the IES staff, whom he was representing today. Mr. Warner thanked the IES staff for their efforts in caring for this UAC and all of the UAC that IES cares for.

All parties were advised that they/we were free to leave the courthouse. I thanked the DHS ICE ERO Officer for her support, and instructed IES to transport the UAC back to the program site. All parties exited the courthouse at approximately 9:45 am CT.

Please advise as to if there are any questions or if additional information is needed regarding this message.

Teresa

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On: 08 October 2017 18:58, "Brooks, Teresa (ACF)" <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Please see the attached with regard to the request to DHS ICE ERO for the presence of a DHS ICE ERO Officer at the 107th District Court in Cameron County Texas on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Please advise as to if there are any questions concerning the DHS ICE ERO request or response.

Please be advised that, to remain in compliance with Texas Department of Family Protective Services Residential Child Care Licensing Standards, appropriate IES staff will be transporting the UAC from the IES Shelter Program to the Courthouse building. Additional IES staff who are required to be present at the District Court will arrive to the Courthouse apart from the UAC. I will be meeting with all of the IES staff and with the DHS ICE ERO Officer, either immediately outside of the Court building, or in the lobby of the building. We will then proceed to the identified area of the Courthouse.

Please advise of any additional instruction as is felt appropriate.

Sincerely,

Teresa

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From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
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Subject: Re: State Court hearing

I can be at the Courthouse at 8:30 am CT as requested.

I can attempt to reach Officer (b)(6) who is the covering Officer for the FOJC now to see if there is an ICE Officer who is able to be present at the Court tomorrow morning.

I will update all appropriate parties of outcome of the contact with ICE.

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On: 08 October 2017 16:46, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Please see below. There should be no hearing tomorrow. However, there is need to have the UAC brought to the courthouse at the time appointed, to avoid contempt while we confirm that the state court knows the case has been removed. Teresa I'd like you there if at all possible, or field staff in the alternative. I will ask that DOJ contact us if they receive confirmation and this becomes unnecessary.

Teresa, are you in contact with anyone from DHS (ICE seems most appropriate) who could ride along? If you need help I can help get someone.

If she goes to the courthouse the point would be to inform them that the case has been removed. There should be no transfer of custody and federal law enforcement could help us reinforce that point.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Scott

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Matt/Scott,

Our colleagues from the USAO just filed the removal papers in federal court and also filed a notice

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electronically in state court. While this should be enough to deprive the state court of jurisdiction, we are also sending a AUSA to hand a copy to the judge as well.

Because the state court order is directed to individuals working at IES who could still be held in contempt (potentially), our strong recommendation would be for the minor to be sent with the federal field specialist to the court proceeding. With that federal officer there and the AUSA we think there is a very small likelihood of any shenanigans. You could also potentially ask someone from ICE or CBP to attend to the transport.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss

Alex

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On: 09 October 2017 13:16, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
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Received, we will proceed as recommended. UAC does not have a counseling session today, we will for further guidance, thank you !!

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IES EMERGENCY SHELTER
Los Fresnos, Texas

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

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Regarding the appointment today:

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The Texas Attorney General's office also sent this press release:

https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/ag-paxton-texas-must-not-become-a-sanctuary-state-for-abortions

AG Paxton: Texas Must Not Become a Sanctuary State for Abortions
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – Austin

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Attorney General Paxton told the court that "Texas has a legitimate and substantial interest in preserving and promoting fetal life, as well as an interest in promoting respect for human life at all stages in a pregnancy."

"Doe" first filed a lawsuit in Texas state court, seeking to compel Health and Human Services to take her to get an abortion. Now the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is asking a federal court in San Francisco to allow it to add "Doe" to a pending lawsuit against Health and Human Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops over a completely unrelated dispute.

Joining Texas on the amicus brief are the states of Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.

View the amicus brief here: http://bit.ly/2ye2ItY

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Scott,
I haven't read this yet, but here's the OGC opinion on (b)(5)
AnnaMarie

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Hello AnnaMarie,

I hope that you had a wonderful vacation in Italy! (b)(5)

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions about the attached.

Best,
Lynne

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https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/weight-management/health-tips-pregnant-women

Physical Activity

Should I be physically active during my pregnancy?

Almost all women can and should be physically active during pregnancy. Regular physical activity may

- • help you and your baby gain the right amounts of weight
- • reduce backaches, leg cramps, and bloating
- • reduce your risk for gestational diabetes (diabetes that develops when a woman is pregnant)

If you were physically active before you became pregnant, you may not need to change your exercise habits. Talk with your health care provider about how to change your workouts during pregnancy.

It can be hard to be physically active if you do not have child care for your other children, have not worked out before, or do not know what to do. Keep reading for tips about how you can work around these things and be physically active.

How much physical activity do I need?

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Most women need the same amount of physical activity as before they became pregnant. Aim for at least 30 minutes of aerobic activity per day on most days of the week. Aerobic activities use large muscle groups (back, chest, and legs) to increase heart rate and breathing.

The aerobic activity should last at least 10 minutes at a time and should be of moderate intensity. This means it makes you breathe harder but does not overwork or overheat you.

If you have health issues like obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, or anemia (too few healthy red blood cells), ask your health care provider about a level of activity that is safe for you.

How can I stay active while pregnant?

Even if you have not been active before, you can be active during your pregnancy by using the tips below:

- • Go for a walk around the block, in a local park, or in a shopping mall with a family member or friend. If you already have children, take them with you and make it a family outing.
- • Get up and move around at least once an hour if you sit in a chair most of the day. When watching TV, get up and move around during commercials. Even a simple activity like walking in place can help.

How can I stay safe while being active?

For your health and safety, and for your baby's, you should not do some physical activities while pregnant. Some of these are listed below. Talk to your health care provider about other physical activities that you should not do.

Make a plan to be active while pregnant. List the activities you would like to do, such as walking or taking a prenatal yoga class. Think of the days and times you could do each activity on your list, like first thing in the morning, during lunch break from work, after

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dinner, or on Saturday afternoon. Look at your calendar or planner to find the days and times that work best, and commit to those plans.

Safety Dos and Dont's	
Follow these safety tips while being active.	
Do...	**Don't...**
Choose moderate activities that are not likely to injure you, such as walking or aqua aerobics.	Avoid brisk exercise outside during very hot weather.
Drink fluids before, during, and after being physically active.	Don't use steam rooms, hot tubs, and saunas.
Wear comfortable clothing that fits well and supports and protects your breasts.	After the end of week 12 of your pregnancy, avoid exercises that call for you to lie flat on your back.
top exercising if you feel dizzy, short of breath, tired, or sick to your stomach.	

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Matthew,

Please see attached for the States' amicus materials as well as the Plaintiff's reply brief, which was just filed with the Court.

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Court filing: Trump appointee blocks pregnant teen migrant from getting abortion
Reveal, Center for Investigative Reporting
Oct. 10, 2017

A Trump appointee has prevented a 17-year-old migrant at a federally funded shelter in Texas from getting an abortion and directed she be sent instead to religious counseling, according to a motion filed in federal court last week.

Lawyers with the ACLU of Northern California will argue on her behalf at an emergency court hearing in San Francisco Wednesday. In court filings over the last few days, they've argued that changes at the Office of Refugee Resettlement under President Donald Trump's administration are to blame and that the girl, referred to as Jane Doe, is not an isolated case.

According to emails filed with the court, new ORR Director Scott Lloyd has met with a minor in federal custody to discuss her pregnancy and directed his staff to counsel girls about the risks of abortion – an early sign of how Lloyd's priorities will reflect his past work in pro-life advocacy.

In a declaration filed with the court, Doe explained that she decided to get an abortion and made appointments at a clinic, but was never allowed to go. Instead, she said, officials sent her to a crisis pregnancy center where she was given a sonogram and "forced to look" at the image.

"Defendants have been talking to me about my pregnancy," she said. "I feel like they are trying to coerce me to carry my pregnancy to term."

Doe told the court she is afraid to tell her family about her plans to get an abortion, and had hoped to keep her pregnancy secret. But she said ORR officials already told her mother she was pregnant.

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According to the ACLU, Doe's case exemplifies a new order of business at ORR under the Trump administration.

On March 4, the office's acting director, Kenneth Tota, sent a memo to the private groups that operate shelters under contracts with ORR, telling them they "are prohibited from taking any action that facilitates an abortion without direction and approval from the Director of ORR." Tota referred to rules the office previously issued in March 2008.

Tota's memo was apparently prompted by news the day before that a minor at an ORR-contracted shelter had begun a medically induced abortion the day before. In his letter, Tota directed ORR officials to take that child to an emergency room and try to preserve her pregnancy, over the child's own wishes.

On March 10, according to a heavily redacted email filed with the court, ORR required, "effective immediately," that shelter operators send word whenever any girl expresses an interest in ending her pregnancy.

On March 14, according to another email filed with the court, new ORR Director Scott Lloyd offered some advice to his staff after visiting a girl in ORR custody. "Often these girls start to regret abortion," he wrote, "and if this comes up, we need to connect her with resources for psychological and/or religious counseling."

In another email, Lloyd told shelters to only steer minors to "pregnancy services and life-affirming options counseling," not abortion providers. Lloyd reminded his staff to that "the unborn child is a child in our care," and to make medical decisions accordingly.

On April 1, Lloyd directed Jonathan White, an ORR deputy director, to make sure that a minor in custody in Arizona get an ultrasound and counseling at Choices Pregnancy Centers, a Christian organization that, like Lloyd, suggests abortion regret is far more likely than research suggests.

Such crisis pregnancy centers are engineered to persuade women to carry their pregnancies to term, often using myths, religious messages and bad science. Crisis pregnancy centers are well-represented on a list of ORR's approved counseling centers also filed with the court.

It's no coincidence that these directions were some of Lloyd's first actions after he was appointed to the office by Trump in mid-March. Before joining the office, Lloyd was an attorney for the Knight of Columbus, a Catholic charity, and served on the board of the pro-life Front Royal Pregnancy Center. In 2011, writing for the Center for Morality in Public Life, Lloyd argued that "the defining event in an abortion, as we use the term in our common parlance and in medical settings, is the death of a human being who has not yet been born."

As a Health and Human Services official under President George W. Bush, Lloyd championed a rule protecting health care providers that oppose abortion on religious

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grounds, according to This Week in Immigration. President Barack Obama undid that rule in the first year of his presidency.

But the Trump administration has ushered in new limits on health care in the religious liberty protections, including last week's decision to stop requiring employers to cover contraception in their health insurance plans. (Lloyd, writing in 2009, once argued that federal support for contraception would be a boon to abortion providers.)

Ahead of Wednesday's hearing, seven attorney generals have lined up behind the Trump administration, led by Texas' Ken Paxton, saying that "Texas must not become a sanctuary state for abortions." Their brief argues that siding with Doe would suggest that "unlawfully-present aliens with no substantial ties to this country have a constitutional right to abortion on demand."

Any minor seeking an abortion in Texas faces a number of roadblocks, even if they aren't living in a federal shelter. Without a parent's permission, a minor in Texas must get a judge's permission to get an abortion, then make two separate appointments at a clinic at least 24 hours apart, the first of them for a mandatory sonogram. Doe had already navigated those steps, and made appointments in the last week of September before federal officials intervened.

Texas also bans abortions after 20 weeks, creating a tight deadline in the court case.

ACLU attorneys hope federal District Judge Laurel Beeler will order ORR to let Doe leave the shelter and end her pregnancy, and to extend that protection to other pregnant unaccompanied minors in ORR custody. Many children who arrive unaccompanied are fleeing abuse at home, and also face a high risk of sexual assault during their journey north.

Under a settlement in another court case, known as the Flores agreement, the federal government has to provide unaccompanied minors with medical care, including family planning.

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Scott-

Please see attached policy with comments—I have also provided you with a copy on your chair. We will discuss the comments more in depth at tomorrow' meeting.

Thanks,
Laura

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Laura,

As requested, Toby and I have provided comments/edits on the draft Family Planning Services Policy Pregnancy section by COB (sorry, my COB is pretty late).

Toby prepared his comments (which appear as TRMB) and forwarded to me. I concur with all his comments and have added more of my own.

Because the policy so deeply engages UAC Program staff , and describes actions DUCO and DHUC Federal staff must take, I sought input from the key program managers—Tricia, Jallyn, and Michael—as well. I have consolidated all our comments into a single document, so that while most of the "JDW" comments are mine, some are Tricia's or Michael's (those are marked as such on the comment bubble). Jallyn's comments are some of the "WU" comments but I have noted which are hers as well.

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Jonathan

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Jonathan and Toby,

Scott would like your comments/ edits to the new policy by COB today or Tuesday. Let me know what is more doable. I'd like one of you to review and then the next person so I don't have to combine two different documents with comments/ edits. It will be easier for clearance. Let me know if that is doable and who will edit/ comment first.

Thanks,
Laura

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Child Care

Sen. Patty Murray wants to fix what experts call 'enormous inequalities' in child care

Murray's bill would add more affordable child-care options, support universal preschool programs and increase compensation for child-care workers. She introduced it this past month, with strong support from Democrats but none yet from Republicans.

Seattle Times, WA
Oct. 10, 2017

Children, Youth & Families

Supreme Court refuses to hear Kentucky foster care case

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a case involving a growing number of Kentucky relatives providing free foster care for children. The result is that Kentucky must begin paying those relatives the same as they do licensed foster families, news outlets report.

Associated Press, KY
Oct. 11, 2017

The $600-a-night foster care bed

The payment of high per-night fees was first reported by InvestigateWest, Crosscut and KCTS9 last fall. Since then, InvestigateWest has learned that the top rate the state is willing to pay has nearly doubled over the last year from $325 to $600. And new payment records requested from the state, as well as confidential but incomplete data obtained by InvestigateWest, show that at least a handful of foster families are making a small fortune on the practice.

Investigate West, WA
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70-plus children missing from Kansas' foster care system

Lawmakers are expressing outrage after learning more than 70 foster children are missing in Kansas. Foster care contractors provided the information during a meeting Tuesday in response to questions about the disappearance of three sisters from a northeast Kansas foster home, The Kansas City Star reports. Police believe the still-missing girls — ages 15, 14 and 12 — ran away in August.

Associated Press, KS

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Lawmakers shocked to learn 70-plus children missing from Kansas' foster care system
In a revelation that shocked lawmakers, the companies running the state's foster care system said Tuesday that more than 70 foster children are missing in Kansas. Lawmakers also were furious that Phyllis Gilmore, secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families, appeared unaware that three sisters have been missing from a northeast Kansas foster home since Aug. 26.
Kansas City Star, KS
Oct.10, 2017

Nowhere else to go: Why kids are sleeping in child welfare offices
In the past few years, Arizona, Louisiana, Texas and Washington, D.C., have all used office space as an emergency option to park children when they have nowhere else to sleep. In most cases, the office stays are for a single night, and caseworkers supervise the children.
Governing, DC
Oct. 10, 2017

Fla. school district picks abstinence-only center for sex education. Lesson 8: 'Steps of intimacy and how to stop them'
A Florida school district has signed on with an abstinence-only center to provide sex education — or, rather, "relationship education" — to teens, replacing curriculum that had been informed by the Florida Department of Health.
Analysis
Washington Post, DC
Oct. 10, 2017

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Head Start

Head Start report shows allegations of abuse to JCPS students *(featuring ACF)*
Seven Jefferson County Public School Head Start employees are out a job and it could just be the beginning of a broader investigation as a report reveals the mistreatment of several children under the districts care. The facts so shocking the head of the Office of Head Start flew to Louisville to tell school leaders they are on notice. The report was written by the administration for Children and Families, which is a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The allegations are so severe Linehan threatened to pull the plug on the district's federally funded program.
WHAS, KY
Oct. 10, 2017

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Early Head Start program expanding in Southwest Missouri *(featuring ACF)*
Lamar Missouri Tuesday celebrated the opening of a new child care facility with an open house and Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting ceremony. It's the result of Economic Security Corporation's Early Head Start program which has worked creating partnerships in over 6 Southwest Missouri communities to expand high-quality no cost child care opportunities.
KOAM, MO
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Native Americans

New lawsuit targets custody battles in tribal courts

A lawsuit filed Tuesday targets the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Scott County, organizations the plaintiffs allege are violating federal law by sending child custody cases to Indian tribal court without the consent of both parents.

KMSP, MN
Oct. 10, 2017

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Refugee Resettlement

Vermont refugee resettlement program plans for fewer refugees after US admissions cap

Amila Merdzanovic, director of the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, says the effects of the reduction will be felt in Vermont and across the country. The agency had hoped to resettle 450 refugees in Vermont this coming year. Because of the Trump administration's effort to limit resettlement, they've had to scale their efforts back to 345. The State Department has approved plans to resettle 270 refugees in Colchester and 75 in Rutland. In Colchester, recent refugees have been from a number of countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, Somalia, the Congo and others. Rutland is expecting families from Syria and Iraq.

Vermont Public Radio, VT
Oct. 10, 2017

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Trafficking

Iowa human-trafficking laws better, need work

Efforts to legislate against human trafficking have increased in recent years, at both the state and federal levels, but there may still be a lot left to be done. According to the 2014 Polaris report, Iowa has done well by passing several laws to combat human trafficking, but it could do more to implement new laws and improve existing ones. Meanwhile, Iowa landed near the bottom of Polaris' list when it came to victim-assistance laws.

Daily Iowan, IA
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Attached, please find some talking points for the FIER meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Best,
Elizabeth

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Subject:	Re: UAC, abortion
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Our statement is in the Associated Press article, which also contains the phrase "unborn child" not in quotes.

https://apnews.com/8fe5857bd15549569fa183d09cdc4dc4

On: 11 October 2017 21:46, "Marriott, Brian (ACF)" <Brian.Marriott@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
Thanks so much. The majority will come in tomorrow on inquiries, etc.

Brian

On: 11 October 2017 19:21, "Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)" <kenneth.wolfe@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
We sent it to seven reporters upon request so far, stating it is to be attributed to the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Negri, Warren A. (ACF)
Subject: RE: UAC, abortion

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I am still wondering who is the speaker?

Thank you,
Scott

From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Negri, Warren A. (ACF)
Subject: RE: UAC, abortion

No problem!

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 6:58 PM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Negri, Warren A. (ACF)
Subject: RE: UAC, abortion

Yes, I saw that it had been tweaked after I sent it—sorry for the confusion

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From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Negri, Warren A. (ACF)
Subject: RE: UAC, abortion

Scott, can you check your email? Not sure if you're looking at the latest version. And, the news outlets have already been sent the response from ACF.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
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Subject: RE: UAC, abortion

(Took off Charmaine to discuss within ACF). Could we consider a few changes? There are a few things that need some tweaking and (b)(5) I've made some comments below.

From: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Yoest, Charmaine (OS/ASPA); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Negri, Warren A. (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: UAC, abortion

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We have at least three media requests for comment, including Buzzfeed and the Washington Times, on the Texas UAC story. Please review the following draft response --

DRAFT – pre-decisional

(b)(5)

DRAFT – pre-decisional

For reference, here are other clips on the subject:

The Trump administration is preventing undocumented immigrant minors from getting abortions

Thousands of unaccompanied, undocumented immigrant minors are currently in the custody of the United States federal government, which is legally obligated to provide them with health care. In March of 2017, the Office of Refugee Resettlement announced that federally funded shelters are barred from taking "any action that facilitates" abortion for these unaccompanied minors without "direction and approval" from ORR Director Scott Lloyd. And according to the ACLU, Lloyd, a Trump nominee, is now prohibiting minors from accessing abortion care—and instead sending them to "crisis pregnancy centers" that urge them not to terminate their pregnancies. According to the ACLU, Lloyd, the current ORR director, has personally called pregnant minors in an attempt to talk them out of terminate their pregnancies.

Slate Magazine, NY
Oct. 11, 2017

Teen detained in Texas after crossing border fights to have abortion

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Advocates for a pregnant 17-year-old girl held in a Texas facility for immigrant children who have crossed the border alone are asking a federal judge to allow her to get an abortion, over the opposition of U.S. and state officials. A federal magistrate judge in San Francisco has scheduled a hearing Wednesday on a request filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, which accuses the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services of refusing to let the girl be taken for the procedure. Staff at the facility where she's being held refused to take her to her appointments with a doctor to seek an abortion, or let the attorney take her, even though private groups that support abortion rights have raised money for the procedure. Instead, she was taken to a crisis pregnancy center.
Associated Press, TX
Oct. 10, 2017

Court filing: Trump appointee blocks pregnant teen migrant from getting abortion
A Trump appointee has prevented a 17-year-old migrant at a federally funded shelter in Texas from getting an abortion and directed she be sent instead to religious counseling, according to a motion filed in federal court last week. In court filings over the last few days, they've argued that changes at the Office of Refugee Resettlement are to blame and that the girl, referred to as Jane Doe, is not an isolated case. According to emails filed with the court, new ORR Director Scott Lloyd has met with a minor in federal custody to discuss her pregnancy and directed his staff to counsel girls about the risks of abortion – an early sign of how Lloyd's priorities will reflect his past work in pro-life advocacy.
Reveal/The Center for Investigative Reporting, CA
Oct. 10, 2017

Undocumented teenager seeks court authorization to access abortion services
A pregnant, 17-year-old, undocumented immigrant is at the center of a legal dispute over whether unaccompanied immigrant minors have the right to an abortion in the United States. Jane Doe, as she's referred to in court filings, is currently at a shelter in Brownsville, in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), a federal agency responsible for refugees and unaccompanied undocumented minors. Doe is seeking an emergency court order authorizing her to access abortion services after the federal office blocked her from attending a pre-abortion medical appointment.
Texas Tribune, TX
Oct. 10, 2017

Pregnant immigrant in Texas will test abortion access
Officials with the ACLU and Janes Due Process, a nonprofit that helps teenagers gain access to abortion, argue that Jane Doe's experience is part of a larger pattern by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which under President Donald Trump has refused to allow unaccompanied minors to receive abortions, referring them instead to crisis pregnancy centers which counsel women against abortions, often from a religious perspective. "Trump administration officials are literally holding her hostage," ACLU lawyer Brigitte Amiri said. "The interference by government officials about the most intimate and personal decision a woman can make is horrific. It's also blatantly unconstitutional."

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Austin American-Statesman, TX
Oct. 10, 2017

Trump administration blocks legal abortion for undocumented Texas minor in federal care
A 17-year-old undocumented minor living in federal custody in Texas is being denied her right to an abortion by the federal government. American Civil Liberties Union lawyers, who call the move "shocking" and "straight from dystopian fiction" are requesting an emergency hearing Wednesday in a California federal court to grant her abortion access before she's too far along in her pregnancy. The girl, dubbed "Jane Doe" in court documents, is currently living in a Brownsville facility for undocumented and unaccompanied minors run by the feds where, by law, she is required access to "family planning services, including pregnancy tests and ... access to medical reproductive health services and emergency contraception."
San Antonio Current, TX
Oct. 10, 2017

Texas must not be a 'sanctuary state for abortions,' AG Ken Paxton says in court brief*)*
The federal government should not give unauthorized immigrant minors the right to have abortions, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said Tuesday. The American Civil Liberties Union wants to add "Jane Doe," a 17-year-old unauthorized immigrant who sued in Texas to have an abortion, to an existing federal case against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Paxton filed a brief in the case in response, arguing that unauthorized minors do not have the right to have abortions. The ACLU argues that restricting reproductive and abortion care is unconstitutional, but Paxton said the case could establish Texas as a "sanctuary state for abortions."
Dallas Morning News, TX
Oct. 10, 2017

Teenage illegal immigrant crosses border to get abortion. Now it's up to a judge if she can.
A judge is deciding Wednesday whether the state of Texas must help a teenage illegal immigrant get an abortion — a case that could have serious ramifications. Even though the 17-year-old illegal immigrant received a judicial waiver allowing her — a minor — to get an abortion, the officers detaining her refuse to take her to an abortion clinic American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyer, Rochelle Garza, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “I feel like they are trying to coerce me to carry my pregnancy to term,” the girl told a federal court earlier in October, explaining that she was taken to a crisis pregnancy center instead of an abortion clinic.
Daily Caller, DC
Oct. 11, 2017

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Subject:	Re: State Court hearing
Date:	2017/10/11 23:33:33
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thank you, received and have a restful evening Sir.

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:30 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

I see now-- I defer to the program's judgment on whether monitoring is advisable in this situation given the allegations of abuse.

On: 11 October 2017 23:19, (b)(6) @iestex.org> wrote:

Thank you so much for this, I wanted to be sure to inquire regarding phone call with mother because of allegations of abuse noted in legal proceedings and SIR.

Just to provide brief clarification as I hope my previous message did not imply some sort of infringement on UAC . As you know, at time UAC in care allege abuse, neglect or mistreatment at the hands of previous caretakers then ask to speak to same individuals, in these cases, we may take temporary precautionary measures (with proper approval and after staffing with all involved stakeholders) not explicitly addressed in ORR policy...it is more along the lines of ensuring that the persons that have contact with UAC in these cases are not known/alleged perpetrators of abuse/mistreatment. Therefore, arrangements can be made for UAC to be brought to the clinical office or case management office (private office) and either the assigned Clinician or assigned Case Manager is in the room while the UAC speaks with person on phone (not on speaker, UAC sits on one end of office and staff continue working while UAC conducts phone call). This allows CM or CL to monitor UAC''s demeanor and ensure that nature and tone of call is appropriate and not affecting UAC in a negative manner, this can also be done from outside the room the UAC remains in line of sight but the staff will not overhear any portion of the discussion. Please rest assured we will adhere to all governing policies and ensure ORR remains informed of all information related to the case of this minor.

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I will ensure program proceeds as directed, UAC will be granted telephone call with her mother as requested, again I appreciate your patience and guidance!!! Will standby for further guidance on other matters.

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:22 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

(b)(6) thank you for the update.
se reason.

I will address your other questions after double- checking.

Thank you,
Scott

On: 11 October 2017 21:54, (b)(6) @iestex.org> wrote:
Good Evening,

Please be advised that UAC attended follow-up appointment with Obstetrician (b)(6) (b)(6) at RGV Women's Health Center on Monday, October 9th, 2017.

UAC was accompanied by program's Medical Coordinator (b)(6) on this visit . Hours prior to departing from program, Medical Coordinator (b)(6) met with UAC to discuss follow-up appointment to ensure her understanding and obtain UAC's consent to attend. Medical Coordinator informed the UAC that the purpose of visit was to inquire about the possibility of obtaining medial clearance for UAC to increase physical activity in order to partake in light to moderate group dance exercise. UAC stated she understood and verbally consented to attending scheduled follow-up appointment with OB/GYN. Previously UAC requested care provider seek medical clearance from OB in order for her to partake in "Zumba", UAC was having difficulty adjusting to medical restrictions and verbally requested restrictions be reviewed and reconsidered by OB/GYN. However, as previously stated, Dr. Torres issued the following "UAC must remain no NO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY until further notice. NO SWIMMING, NO

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RUNNING, NO ZUMBA, NO DANCING, NO STRENUOUS EXERCISE. UAC MAY take BRISK WALKS. "

Medical Coordinator informed program administration that (b)(6) also informed UAC of lab results (drawn on 9/11/17) returned within normal limits and that ZIKA test (conducted on 9/11/17) had returned "Negative". NO ultrasound or sonogram was completed during visit on 10/9/17.

To conclude the visit on 10/9/17 (b)(6) and his Nurse, informed UAC that during the first trimester between 11-14 weeks gestation (UAC is currently 14 weeks) it is recommended that ALL pregnant females undergo "1st Trimester NT (nuchal translucency screening)". (b)(6) explained to UAC in the presence of his nurse and program Medical Coordinator that the screening involves undergoing an ultrasound to screen for fluid build-up in the fetuses upper spine/neck to detect cardiovascular abnormalities, Down Syndrome and other abnormalities in the fetus. UAC was given the opportunity to ask questions and/or voice concerns. UAC stated she understood the information provided to her, stated she had no concerns or questions and voiced agreement and verbally consented to the screening/procedure. The nurse informed UAC and Medical Coordinator that the UAC would be referred to Driscoll Maternal and Fetal Medicine with (b)(6) for 1st Trimester Screen (NT Screen). Nurse (b)(6) explained she would provide specialty appointment time and date prior to UAC departing from medical office.

On 10/9/17 (b)(6) nurse, (b)(6) LVN confirmed specialty appointment for 10/11/2017 at 2:30PM. Please be note, UAC agreed to 1st Trimester Screen (NT Screen) during medical visit with OB/GYN on 10/09/17 and also issued consent to screening during inital OB visit on 09/11/2017.

On 10/11/17, UAC attended speciality appointment at Driscoll Maternal Fetal Medicine for the sole purpose of undergoing 1st Trimester NT screening (Nuchal translucensy screening). UAC was accompanied by Medical Coordinator (b)(6) UAC consented to screening and was informed results would be reviewed with her at during next OB/GYN appointment with (b)(6) she stated she understood and denied having any questions or concerns. Following the NT screening/scan, labwork was conducted as part of the NT screening. UAC was offerred the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns, she denied having any questions or concerns.

Please note that NT (nuchal translucency) is a standard first trimester screening (11-14 weeks gestation) that all pregnant females undergo it is considered a stanadard screening during prenatal care, more specifically any and all UAC in care undergo this screening as recommended by OB/GYN. Please be reminded that OB/GYN has not been informed of legal proceedings invovling this UAC and/or her request to

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terminate preganancy. Care provider is still pending guidance from ORR/OGC on this matter, we will NOT inform medical provider unless authorized to do so by ORR.

On a seperate note, please be advised that UAC continues to request to make telephone contact with her mother in home country, she issued request yesterday 10/10 and today 10/11. At this time we are pending response from ORR and/or OGC as to whether the UAC may make contact with her mother and whether telephone contact must be monitored by care provider.

Finally, please be advised that I was contacted by Regional Supervisor of Residential Child Care Liscencing (Cristina Lowenberg) regarding this UAC and the increasing media coverage, specifically article publised on 10/11/17 in the Texas Standard https://www.texastribune.org/2017/10/10/undocumented-teenager-seeks-court-authorization-abortion-after-federal Mrs. Lowenberg explained that residential liscencing understands that the nature of this situation is critical and delicate, she explained that liscensing is responsible for ensuring we are NOT forcing any child in care to undergo pregnancy termination, however RCCL also has the duty to ensure the health, safety and overall well-being of all children in care at liscenced residential facilities. Mrs. Lowenberg has requested that I provide a detailed synopsis of this UAC and legal proceedings surrounding her request to terminiate pregnancy. The purpose of her request is to ensure her office is prepared to respond to any formal inquiries regarding the placment and care minor is recieveing in our residential facility. My plan is to issue liscensing a brief biographical/historical summary of the minor and her family, reunification status and mary of legal proceedings up to this point. Mrs. Lowenberg specifically requested ORR policy on this matter, however I understand that specific polciy on this matter is not available therefore, I wanted to touch base with you to inquire about the possibility of sharing the ORR official Memo (Mar 21 2008) "Medical Services Requiring Heightened ORR Involvement", please advise.

Please do not hesitate to cotnact me should you have any questions or concerns, I will wait for further guidance on these matters, thank you!!

(b)(6)

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 12:48 PM/17
To: (b)(6)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

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Regarding the appointment today:

Make sure that the UAC knows that this is to get an update on whether it is really necessary to have her exercise so severely restricted—to find out if it might be possible to allow her to do more. Please get her to consent to the appointment. If she does not want it, she does not have to go—we arranged it to accommodate her distress over lack of physical activity. This was a concern she voiced to the program and that we noticed in her record. We are trying to be responsive to her concerns with this request.

If they offer her a sonogram at the appointment, please remind the doctor that she has already had two and suggest that it is not necessary, and that it should not happen in any case if she does not give consent.

Regarding your other questions—if she has a counseling session today, please contact me. If not, let's wait for DOJ's response.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Scott

From: (b)(6) [mailto (b)(6) @iestex.org]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Subject: Fw: State Court hearing

Good Morning Mr. Lloyd,

I am writing to request further guidance regarding the following, I realize now I may have missed the opportunity to ask these questions to Mr. Wagner (AUSA) during our debriefing and i apologize for that but the following matters have arise and I am in need of guidance...

- • Since the "Jane Doe Due Process" case has been transferred to federal court, does any portion of the previously issued state court restraining order remain in place?? Such as the stipulations prohibiting care provider from
    - • "Disturbing the peace of the child Petitioner" ...this was explained to us by UAC's attorneys as all care provider staff must refrain from speaking with UAC about her pregnancy, "her baby", or her "decision to terminate"examples provided by attorneys were
        - • No sonograms

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        - • No forcing UAC to listen to baby's heart rate
        - • No referring to UAC's baby or seeking discussion or making comments about her gestational period, her pregancy expectations, her feelings, etc...
        - • No "encouraging" her to discuss or make contact with her parents
        - • No "religion based" counseling regarding

    - • Care provider must refrain from "Making remarks to child petitioner's family that concern petitioner's pregnancy"....
    - • "Discussing any litigation concerning the child Petitioner in the presence or within hearing of the child Petitioner or on any form of social media"

- • UAC has a OB/GYN appointment for basic prenatal care with Dr. Torres this afternoon at 2:30p.m. (CST), please note that OB Dr. Torres is not aware UAC has requeted to terminate preganancy, Dr. Torres is not aware of current litigation regarding the case of this minor, is care provider to discuss these matters directly with Dr. Torres??? Should the child be informed that care provider will discuss her request to terminate and current litigation with OB?
- • If UAC attends this prenatal care appointment, is the doctor to proceed with sonogram ???
- • Is child allowed to contact parents?? Her parents are named in the suit as "inflicting abuse on minor" is UAC able to make contact despite this claim" If UAC requests to make contact with mother/father is care provider to allow contact, if allowed is all contact to be monitored or may the UAC make contact with out monitoring?

Please advise, thank you so much in advance for your guidance!

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Brooks, Teresa (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

Teresa,

Many thanks for your work on this, and thank you for the update. I was very much reassured to know that you would be present this morning.

Barring any additional need to wrap things up with IES, please return to the rest of your day off. Let us know if you need anything—I am sure things will continue throughout the week.

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Sincerely,
Scott

From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

Please be advised that at approximately 8:35 am CT, the Cameron County Judge, attorneys from Garza and Garza, who are/were representing the UAC at the State level, the UAC, and Mr. Paxton Warner, AUSA from the DOJ met in the Judge's chambers in a closed proceeding. Mr. Lucio, attorney for the IES staff, was also in chambers, as an observer to the proceeding as he has clients who have been affected by the legal process of the matter. DHS ICE ERO Officer, (b)(6) was present at the Courthouse, outside of the courtroom and chambers. I was asked to wait immediately outside of the Judge's chambers.

During the discussion in chambers, Mr. Warner left chambers to inquire as to if the UAC had been "forced" to speak to her parents. I advised that the UAC had been afforded the right to speak to either or both of her parents since arriving into ORR custody, but to my awareness had not chosen to do so to date. It should be noted that the IES program did obtain a contact number for the UAC's father as the UAC had stated that she wished to speak to him at one time. Mr. Warner also asked if the IES program could provide the UAC could be provided with a new case manager as the UAC has stated that the current case manager was not effectively managing the UAC's case. (This is presumed to be referring to a possible family reunification case. At this time, it is my understanding that no viable sponsor has been identified for the UAC.) I informed Mr. Warner that IES would identify an appropriate case manager to assume oversight of the UAC's case. Finally, Mr. Warner stated that the attorneys for the UAC were concerned that an IES staff member was always within a visual "line of sight" of the UAC and the attorneys felt that this was not allowing the client sufficient privacy. I explained to Mr. Warner, that in accordance to TDFPS licensing standards, the attorneys are not considered trained child care providers, and in order to maintain standards of care, the staff needed to maintain sight of the UAC, but were not in able to hear/overhear any confidential attorney- client communication.

Mr. Warner took the information back to chambers. When Mr. Warner returned he advised that the UAC should be returned to her placement at the IES shelter program in Los Fresnos, TX. Mr. Warner stated that the case, in its entirety, had been moved to a Federal court venue. Mr. Warner advised that the attorneys from Garza and Garza would continue to represent the UAC in the case.

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Mr. Lucio conferred with the IES staff, whom he was representing today. Mr. Warner thanked the IES staff for their efforts in caring for this UAC and all of the UAC that IES cares for.

All parties were advised that they/we were free to leave the courthouse. I thanked the DHS ICE ERO Officer for her support, and instructed IES to transport the UAC back to the program site. All parties exited the courthouse at approximately 9:45 am CT.

Please advise as to if there are any questions or if additional information is needed regarding this message.

Teresa

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On: 08 October 2017 18:58, "Brooks, Teresa (ACF)" <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Please see the attached with regard to the request to DHS ICE ERO for the presence of a DHS ICE ERO Officer at the 107th District Court in Cameron County Texas on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Please advise as to if there are any questions concerning the DHS ICE ERO request or response.

Please be advised that, to remain in compliance with Texas Department of Family Protective Services Residential Child Care Licensing Standards, appropriate IES staff will be transporting the UAC from the IES Shelter Program to the Courthouse building. Additional IES staff who are required to be present at the District Court will arrive to the Courthouse apart from the UAC. I will be meeting with all of the IES staff and with the DHS ICE ERO Officer, either immediately outside of the Court building, or in the lobby of the building. We will then proceed to the identified area of the Courthouse.

Please advise of any additional instruction as is felt appropriate.

Sincerely,

Teresa

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From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

I can be at the Courthouse at 8:30 am CT as requested.

I can attempt to reach Officer Cortez, who is the covering Officer for the FOJC now to see if there is an ICE Officer who is able to be present at the Court tomorrow morning.

I will update all appropriate parties of outcome of the contact with ICE.

Teresa

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On: 08 October 2017 16:46, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Please see below. There should be no hearing tomorrow. However, there is need to have the UAC brought to the courthouse at the time appointed, to avoid contempt while we confirm that the state court knows the case has been removed. Teresa I'd like you there if at all possible, or field staff in the alternative. I will ask that DOJ contact us if they receive confirmation and this becomes unnecessary.

Teresa, are you in contact with anyone from DHS (ICE seems most appropriate) who could ride along? If you need help I can help get someone.

If she goes to the courthouse the point would be to inform them that the case has been removed. There should be no transfer of custody and federal law enforcement could help us reinforce that point.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Scott

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Begin Forwarded Message:
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Matt/Scott,

Our colleagues from the USAO just filed the removal papers in federal court and also filed a notice electronically in state court. While this should be enough to deprive the state court of jurisdiction, we are also sending a AUSA to hand a copy to the judge as well.

Because the state court order is directed to individuals working at IES who could still be held in contempt (potentially), our strong recommendation would be for the minor to be sent with the federal field specialist to the court proceeding. With that federal officer there and the AUSA we think there is a very small likelihood of any shenanigans. You could also potentially ask someone from ICE or CBP to attend to the transport.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss

Alex

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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TO: THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STAFF

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TRUMP TO SIGN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ERASE HEALTH INSURANCE RULES UNDER ACA. The Wall Street Journal (10/11, A1, Radnofsky, Armour, Mathews, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports on its front page that President Trump plans to sign an executive order Thursday which will attempt to reverse provisions in the Affordable Care Act that placed limits on sales of short-term insurance and will expand alternative insurance arrangements to allow small businesses to associate together for the purpose of buying insurance.

In a front-page article, the New York Times (10/11, A1, Pear, Abelson, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that while Trump "has been telegraphing his intentions for more than a week, Democrats and some state regulators are now greeting the move with increasing alarm, calling it another attempt to undermine President Barack Obama's signature health care law."

The Hill (10/11, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that the order "will direct the Department of Labor to 'modernize' rules to allow small employers to create association health plans. ... if they are within the same state, in the same 'line of business,' or are in the same trade association." The order will also erase "limits on short-term health insurance plans, allowing the plans to last as long as 12 months and be renewed," which some fear will cause healthier people to move to short-term plans, "leaving only sicker people in ObamaCare plans and driving up premiums." The Hill adds that the order will "allow people to use tax-advantaged accounts known as Health Reimbursement Accounts to pay for their premiums."

Reuters (10/12, Pierson, Raymond) reports that the executive order "will almost certainly be challenged in court, several legal experts said." The piece adds that state attorney generals "would likely be among the first to legally challenge Trump's order or regulations," and that Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said Wednesday that she "will oppose any attempt to undermine" her state's residents' access to healthcare.

The Huffington Post (10/11, Cohn, 5.74M) reports that the order "could rattle the Affordable Care Act's private insurance markets by allowing a proliferation of cheaper, less comprehensive plans that would undermine rules about who and what insurers must cover."

Also reporting are the Washington Examiner (10/11, Chaitin, 465K), CNBC (10/11, Kleponis, 3.48M), and the New York Daily News (10/12, Chia, 3.61M).

FAMILIES, STATES WAITING FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION. CBS News (10/11, Konrad, 4.42M) reports on its website that families who rely on CHIP are taking a "wait-and-see attitude" towards CHIP reauthorization as it has become "the latest pawn in the Congressional wrangling over health care." Jesse Cross-Call, Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities said that because CHIP "has always had bipartisan support," it has "really been a surprise that it's taking this long to get it funded. Congress has never blown past the deadline before, so we're in uncharted territory." The article adds, "Most states have passed final budgets for the next fiscal year with the assumption that CHIP would be reauthorized and they would be receiving federal funds." CBS News reports that "Chances are Washington will come through, eventually," however, the House bill is "complicated" by disputes between lawmakers regarding funding offsets which affect Medicare, Medicaid, and the ACA.

The Hill (10/11, Weixel, 1.68M) reports the New York health department said Wednesday that the state will have to hold a special legislative session to address the funding shortfall if CHIP is not reauthorized within weeks. In a letter to Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Eric Hargan, the New York health commissioner explained, "it is unlikely the Legislature can fill a $1 billion hole left by the federal government to continue to provide coverage to all the children currently enrolled in CHIP. ... The inaction of Congress and the Administration has jeopardized the health care of millions of the nation's children, 350,000 of whom live in New York."

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The New York Daily News (10/11, Blain, 3.61M) reports New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) slammed Congress' inaction Wednesday, saying, "It is unconscionable that the federal government is implementing draconian health care cuts that target our children and the most vulnerable among us." Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer also said Wednesday, "No family in New York or elsewhere should ever have to make the agonizing decision between taking their child to the doctor and footing the cost of exorbitant medical bills they cannot afford."

The Washington Examiner (10/11, King, 465K) reports that bipartisan negotiations in the House "got off to a rocky start Wednesday" when Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said, "I can't accept these [Affordable Care Act] cuts and so far there isn't any willingness to not include them."

Also covering the story is Fierce Healthcare (10/11, Small, 146K).

Opinion: Hiltzik Wonders Why Washington Has Not Renewed CHIP Funding. Michael Hiltzik writes in the Los Angeles Times (10/11, 4.49M) that "We know that Congress is just unimaginably busy right now, so perhaps it's understandable that 11 days after funding for a crucial children's healthcare program expired, the lawmakers still haven't gotten around to restoring it." The column points out that while President Trump "has been picking fights" with the NFL, Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), and the mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, "there's still no schedule for a vote on CHIP in either chamber on Capitol Hill."

Editorial: Congress Puts Children At Risk By Letting CHIP Expire. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (10/11, 710K) editorializes that "Thousands of families no longer have to worry about how to pay for a doctor visit for their children. And tens of thousands of youngsters are healthier because of it" in Louisiana as a result of CHIP. Louisiana will run out of funding in February 2018 if CHIP is not renewed. The editorial concludes, "Now families who depend on CHIP are left wondering how to take care of sick children. Congress shouldn't leave them hanging."

The Secretary in the News:

TRUMP APPOINTS ERIC HARGAN AS ACTING HHS SECRETARY. In continuing coverage, the Los Angeles Times (10/11, Kamal, 4.49M) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump "announced that Eric Hargan, an attorney from Illinois, would serve as acting secretary of Health and Human Services, following the resignation of" former HHS Secretary Tom Price late last month. Hargan was confirmed as Deputy HHS Secretary just last week. In response to Hargan's appointment, former Acting HHS Secretary Don Wright said, "His commitment to public service and vast experience in the healthcare field will help guide the department as we advance President Trump's agenda on behalf of the American people."

Politico (10/11, Diamond, 3.6M) reports that Wright had been Acting HHS Secretary since Price resigned on September 29. The article adds that this is "Hargan's second go-around at HHS: He served in several roles from 2003 to 2007, including as acting deputy secretary, before leaving government work to practice law in Chicago."

On its website, CBS News (10/11, Tillett, 4.42M) reports that Wright also said Hargan "brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and leadership experience to HHS."

Modern Healthcare (10/11, Subscription Publication, 238K) and Fierce Healthcare (10/11, Minemyer, 146K) also cover the story.

FORMER HHS SECRETARY SAYS US SOCCER NEEDS A REVOLUTION. The AP (10/11, Blum) reports that the US "will be glaringly absent" from next year's soccer World Cup in Russia. The article says, "A bumbling, stumbling, tumbling World Cup qualifying campaign ended Tuesday night with a calamitous 2-1 loss to already eliminated Trinidad and Tobago, the 99th-ranked nation in the world, when merely a tie was necessary to eke out the final automatic World

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Cup berth from one of soccer's weakest regions." Former HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, a US Soccer Federation board member, tweeted, "Unacceptable. ... For us in US Soccer more than a wake-up call. Time for revolution. Need long term plan that is smart."

HHS in the News:

ACOG, OTHER WOMEN'S ADVOCATES CHALLENGE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S NEW CONTRACEPTION RULES. The AP (10/11, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that some experts on women's health are questioning the Trump Administration's new rule on birth control, arguing that "it overlooks known benefits of contraception while selectively citing data that raise doubts about effectiveness and safety." For instance, Dr. Hal Lawrence, CEO of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said, "This rule is listing things that are not scientifically validated, and in some cases things that are wrong, to try to justify a decision that is not in the best interests of women and society." The article says the rules would "allow more employers to opt out of covering birth control as a free preventive benefit for women under the Obama health care law." Commenting on the matter, HHS spokeswoman Caitlin Oakley stated, "The rules are focused on guaranteeing religious freedom and conscience protections for those Americans who have a religious or moral objection to providing certain services based on their sincerely held beliefs."

HHS' USE OF "LIFE AT CONCEPTION" CRITICIZED. Huffington Post (10/11, 5.74M) editor Jenavieve Hatch criticizes the HHS' strategic plan for 2018 to 2022, released last month, for using the phrase "life at conception" five times. Hatch says this "idea has long been used by the anti-abortion community as justification for its protests." Hatch asserts that in contrast, "more neutral sources...and the medical community at large, are rightly not interested in arguing about the moment 'life' starts."

TWO EXPERIMENTAL EBOLA VACCINES SHOW PROMISE IN 12-MONTH, 1,500-PATIENT STUDY. AFP (10/11) reports that a phase II study of experimental vaccines rVSV-ZEBOV and cAd3-EBOZ showed promise in protecting against Ebola. The 12-month study of 1,500 people in Monrovia, Liberia, published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that "after one month, 84 percent of rVSV-ZEBOV recipients developed an antibody response," and "at one year, 80 percent still had this protection." For cAd3-EBOZ, "71 percent developed an antibody response, and 64 percent still had such a response at one year, when the trial ended." NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci said, "This clinical trial has yielded valuable information that is essential for the continued development of these two Ebola vaccine candidates and also demonstrates that well-designed, ethically sound clinical research can be conducted during an epidemic. A safe and effective vaccine would be a critically important addition to classical public health measures in controlling inevitable future Ebola outbreaks."

The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Burton, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) says this is the first placebo-controlled study of Ebola vaccines, and it suggests the vaccines could be powerful tools to save lives. NIH scientists are now evaluating antibody levels at two years out. The article quotes Dr. H. Clifford Lane, deputy director for clinical research at the NIAID and a principal investigator in the study as saying there exists a "reasonable chance that either of these vaccines would play a role in preventing infection."

HealthDay (10/11, Norton, 11K) notes that rVSV-ZEBOV "made headlines last year when it appeared highly effective at preventing Ebola disease in a large clinical trial." Yet "researchers were not able to study the vaccines' ability to prevent the disease because the Liberia epidemic ended before the trial got to that stage." Dr. Lane said, "We don't know what level of antibody response is needed to prevent Ebola disease."

MedPage Today (10/11, Smith, 60K) also quotes Lane as saying, "Even though the trial began in early February 2015, once an infrastructure for the trial had been established and the vaccines became available, too much time had elapsed" to permit a conclusion about efficacy.

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Nonetheless, the researchers concluded the trial "extended our knowledge of (the vaccines') safety and immunogenicity." MedPage Today adds, "There were more numerically serious adverse events over the year in the placebo group – 40 in the cAd3-EBOZ group, 47 in the rVSV-ZEBOV-GP group, and 59 among placebo participants – with 71% of those events attributed to malaria."

OPINION: PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS DONE MORE TO ROLL BACK OPIOID EFFORTS THAN IMPROVE THEM. Dana Milbank writes in an op-ed for the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) that despite President Trump's "endless" campaign promises to solve the opioid crisis, 175 Americans continue to die daily from opioid overdoses with only a "farce" of a response by Trump. Milbank asserts that Trump is actually taking steps backward by "proposing or backing cuts to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Medicaid program."

SENATE DEMOCRATS CALL FOR NIH TO RENEW FUNDING FOR GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH. The Hill (10/11, Weixel, 1.68M) reports, "Senate Democrats are calling on the National Institutes of Health to renew recently-lapsed funding for gun violence research following the Las Vegas concert shooting." Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Chris Murphy (D-CT), and 21 others wrote a letter to NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins, "saying that continuing the program is urgent."

The Washington Examiner (10/11, Leonard, 465K) reports the letter said in part, "In spite of the toll of gun violence on Americans' health and safety, a dearth of scientific research has hindered efforts to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries." The Las Vegas Review-Journal (10/11, Martin, 458K) also covers the story.

HHS, NIH SAY THEY WERE NOT IMPACTED BY DELOITTE BREACH. Fierce Healthcare (10/11, Sweeney, 146K) reports that representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health said that data from their agencies was not affected by the recently reported breach at Deloitte. The article explains that there were claims that the agencies may have been affected by the breach.

SCIENTISTS URGE INVESTIGATION INTO DIFFERENCES THAT CAUSE MORE AGGRESSIVE CANCERS IN MEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT. The Boston Globe (10/11, Levenson, 969K) reports that Harvard Professor of Epidemiology Timothy Rebbek said that unequal access to healthcare "doesn't fully explain" why the death rates for black men with prostate cancer are 2.5 times higher than rates among white men. Speaking at a discussion Wednesday, Rebbek said, "There are probably biological differences that lead to more aggressive cancers in men of African descent in general." Rebbek said the NIH and NCI are trying to diversify cancer research, pointing "to the NIH's 'All of Us' program, which aims to gather data on more than 1 million Americans to improve research and health outcomes." Rebbek added, "We should have been doing this 20 years ago, but at least there are large efforts trying to find out how to make this happen now, so we should be optimistic about what can happen in the future."

NIH-SUPPORTED PROJECT COLLECTING DATA ON GENE EXPRESSION FROM DIFFERENT TYPES OF TISSUE. Nature News (10/12, Callaway, 177K) reports the "Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) project is amassing data about gene sequences and activity, and other information, across 44 types of tissue, from blood vessels to 10 different brain regions." The project is supported by the National Institutes of Health. The article explains that some have raised ethical concerns about whether or not the project should share certain results with the families of donors, and "Nicole Lockhart, a programme director at the National Human Genome Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, who coordinated the ethical, legal and social aspects of GTEx, says that future tissue-donation studies might consider providing families with medically important results."

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CDC'S 2016 STD SURVEILLANCE REPORT SHOWS GEORGIA IN TOP 5 FOR CHLAMYDIA, SYPHILIS. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (10/11, Pirani, 1.16M) summarizes the CDC's 2016 STD Surveillance Report, released in late September, that found "Georgia ranked among the top five states in America with the highest rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis." CDC's STD prevention division director Gail Bowan stated, "Together, we can make a difference, but it will take all of us – CDC, health departments, healthcare providers, community organizations, and individuals."

SUPPORTERS HOPE GOTTLIEB STAYS AT FDA. In continuing coverage, Fierce Pharma (10/11, Sagonowsky) reports that Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb "downplayed the possibility of taking up the top HHS post in a Reuters interview, saying he believes he can be 'most effective' at the FDA." According to the article, "during a recent discussion at FierceBiotech's Drug Development Forum in Boston, three industry executives agreed that the FDA had been taking steps to facilitate faster approvals prior to Gottlieb's arrival, and that he's the right person to build on that progress."

Congressional Quarterly (10/11, Siddons, Subscription Publication, 967) reports that although Gottlieb "is considered to be a leading contender" for the HHS Secretary position, "many of his fans and allies would lament his departure from FDA." According to CQ, "Underlying the praise for Gottlieb is a concern that whoever takes over at FDA next would be far less qualified, even dangerous."

FDA FINALIZES GUIDANCE BANNING FREE SAMPLES OF E-CIGARETTES. The Hill (10/11, Wheeler, 1.68M) reports that the Food and Drug Administration "finalized guidance Wednesday that includes electronic cigarettes in its ban on free tobacco product samples." In a statement, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said, "One of the most important provisions to help reduce youth access to tobacco products is the prohibition on free samples of tobacco products. With more youth using e-cigarettes than any other tobacco product, it's critical that manufacturers and retailers understand how we intend to enforce this provision."

FDA DIGITAL INNOVATION PLAN AIMS TO IMPROVE MEDICAL INNOVATION APPROVAL PROCESS. The Motley Fool (10/11, Vena, 605K) reports the FDA recently announced its Digital Health Innovation Action Plan, a pilot project intended to update its approval process for software-based medical applications and devices, and selected nine companies out of more than 100 applicants to participate. FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said the agency aims to use the program to "recognize the unique and iterative characteristics of these products," adding that the FDA seeks to "modernize our regulatory framework so that it matches the kind of innovation we're being asked to evaluate." The article says the program "may help speed up a process that has long been seen as plodding and failing to keep up with recent innovations."

FDA URGES CONSUMERS TO USE CAUTION WHEN BUYING MEDICATION FOR THEIR PETS ONLINE. The Connecticut Post (10/11, Cuda, 199K) reports that the Food and Drug Administration is warning about websites which "sell unapproved pet drugs and counterfeit pet products, make fraudulent claims, dispense prescription drugs without requiring a prescription, and sell expired drugs." In its warning, the agency provides consumers with guidelines about how to identify websites that may be questionable.

FDA'S UNAPPROVED DRUG INITIATIVE LED TO HIGHER PRICES, DRUG SHORTAGES, STUDY FINDS. STAT (10/11, Silverman, 43K) reports that a study published in the Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy suggests that the Food and Drug Administration's Unapproved Drug Initiative, launched in 2006, led to higher prices and shortages with "no new clinical evidence to support the vast majority of the medicines that were approved." The researchers "suggest grace periods should only be granted when a drug maker guarantees supply and sets a fair price, and that grace periods should be lengthened to allow companies extra time to win approvals." They also recommend working with the National Institutes of Health "to fund or help companies conduct literature reviews and bioequivalence studies, which

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presumably would make it easier to win regulatory approval," among other options.

Health Reform:

TRUMP, MANY GOP LAWMAKERS AT ODDS OVER CONTINUED PAYMENT OF ACA SUBSIDIES. The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Radnofsky, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that President Trump's policy changes are putting congressional Republicans in a tough position. Iran is the latest example of such a policy shift, but the same can be said about efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The article says while the GOP was attempting to repeal the healthcare law, Trump repeatedly threatened to eliminate subsidy payments to insurers. However, many Republican lawmakers argued that the Trump Administration should continue to make those payments until the ACA's fate was decided; otherwise, insurance markets could be destabilized. That remains their stance up to now.

POLL: THE CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE RULE IS "PRETTY POPULAR." The Huffington Post (10/11, Edwards-Levy, 5.74M) reports a HuffPost/YouGov poll finds that Americans largely support the rule requiring employers to offer health insurance that covers the cost of contraceptives by 45 percent to 32 percent. By a percentage of 43 to 35 percent, respondents also believe that "private businesses should be required to provide plans covering contraceptives even if the owners object to birth control on religious grounds." Nearly half – 48 percent – oppose Trump's decision to roll back the rule. The poll also found that the views were divided along political lines, with 78 percent of Clinton voters supporting the contraception mandate and 78 percent of Trump voters approving of the Administration's roll back.

ACA NAVIGATOR GROUPS TO SHRINK SERVICES FOLLOWING FUNDING CUTS BY TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. The Hill (10/11, Hellmann, 1.68M) reports local advocacy groups which provide assistance with ACA enrollment "say they will likely have to reduce their services following funding cuts from the Trump administration." Officials argue that these navigator groups' funding was cut significantly because they have been "ineffective." But the article points out that a Kaiser Family Foundation survey of the groups found "49 percent said they received no rationale from the federal government for the cuts, while 40 percent said the reasoning was very or somewhat unclear."

The Washington Examiner (10/11, King, 465K) reports Democratic lawmakers and critics contend that "the cuts, coupled with a 90 percent cut to ad funding, are part of a strategy from the Trump administration to sabotage Obamacare."

LIBERAL GROUPS TO TARGET VULNERABLE GOP LAWMAKERS OVER TRUMP CONTRACEPTION RULES. The Washington Post (10/11, Viebeck, 10.38M) reports that "liberal groups," including Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Emily's List, "are seizing on Republican attempts to roll back health coverage and limit access to birth control, as they seek to galvanize women voters ahead of next year's midterm elections." The groups believe the Administration "handed them a potent political issue Friday" when it announced exceptions to the ACA's contraception mandate, and they "plan to link this action to congressional Republicans' repeated attempts to undercut the ACA...as part of a broader strategy focused on defeating moderate GOP members and buttressing vulnerable Democrats."

TRUMP BLAMES OBAMA FOR ACA'S WOES. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Leonard, 465K) reports that this week, President Trump "defended his recent actions on Obamacare, saying that the problems the law was facing were the result of his predecessor, former President Obama." During an interview with Forbes, Trump stated, "Well, we're actually, what we're doing is trying to keep it afloat, because it's failing." He added, "I mean the insurance companies are fleeing and have fled. They fled before I got here. But with that being said, no, Obamacare is Obama's fault. It's nobody else's fault."

COVERED CALIFORNIA ADDS 12.4% SURCHARGE TO SOME PLANS BECAUSE

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ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT GUARANTEED ACA SUBSIDY PAYMENTS. The Los Angeles Times (10/11, Terhune) carries a Kaiser Health News article which reports that Covered California, the state's ACA health exchange, announced on Wednesday that "it has ordered insurers to add a surcharge to certain policies next year because the Trump administration has yet to commit to paying a key set of consumer subsidies under the Affordable Care Act." Officials explained that this move "to impose a 12.4 percent surcharge on silver-level health plans in 2018 means the total premium increase for them will average nearly 25 percent." The piece says the federal government, not individual consumers, will pay for much of these increases through subsidies.

CNBC (10/11, Mangan, 3.48M) reports on its website that without the surcharge, "silver plans sold on Covered California...would have risen an average of just 12.5 percent next year, officials said as they revealed overall prices statewide." For individual insurers, surcharges per plan will reach "anywhere from 8 percent to 27 percent."

The Washington Examiner (10/11, King, 465K) also covers the story.

WEST VIRGINIANS TO BE CHARGED DOUBLE-DIGIT PREMIUM INCREASES FOR ACA PLANS. The Washington Examiner (10/11, King, 465K) reports that West Virginians who purchase ACA plans will be subject to double-digit premium increases for 2018. On Tuesday, the state's insurance regulator announced, in the article's words, "that premiums for Highmark West Virginia will rise by about 25 percent, and the only other insurer, CareSource, will see hikes of 19.6 percent."

PENNSYLVANIA AG SUING ADMINISTRATION OVER CONTRACEPTION RULES. The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/11, McCullough, 1.71M) reports that on Wednesday, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro sued the Trump Administration "over its move to roll back the Affordable Care Act's birth control coverage mandate." Several other state AGs have also filed suits against the Administration over the issue. Shapiro is quoted as saying, "Millions of women could be denied needed contraceptive care against the advice of science, public health and medical professionals."

CONNECTICUT'S EXCHANGE PREPARING FOR TOUGH ACA ENROLLMENT PERIOD. Connecticut Public Radio (10/11, Jones) reports that Connecticut's insurance exchange, Access Health CT, is preparing for a difficult ACA open enrollment period. The article says ACA marketplaces are facing some challenges this year. For instance, the open enrollment period has been cut from about three months last year to 45 days. Jim Wadleigh, CEO of Access Health CT, explained that this "means his staff must work harder to reach out" to encourage consumers to sign up for coverage.

CIGNA, VANDERBILT HEALTH REACH AGREEMENT ON IN-NETWORK STATUS. The Tennessean (10/11, Fletcher, 499K) reports that Cigna and Vanderbilt University Medical Center have reached an agreement that will allow "people in Davidson and eight surrounding counties" next year "to see VUMC doctors in-network via the Cigna Connect plans." The article adds that "this is the second year in a row a Nashville-based health system has struck a nearly 11th-hour agreement to be in-network with Cigna." It explains that last October, "Saint Thomas Health scrambled to arrange a deal with the insurer...when, after a decision by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, TriStar Health was set to be the only Nashville-area health system covered on the exchange."

IOWA HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET AWAITS DECISION ON STOPGAP MEASURE. The Des Moines (IA) Register (10/11, Leys, 324K) reports that with just three weeks to go before open enrollment, residents, state officials, and insurers are still awaiting a decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Iowa's proposed "stopgap" proposal to "shore up Iowa's health-insurance market." The piece covers a 61-year old Cedar Rapids resident, an insurance agent, and an executive at Medica – the sole insurer on the exchange – and their perspectives on

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the uncertainty. Although reports surfaced last week that President Trump "demanded his administrators reject the proposal," "Iowa officials, including Gov. Kim Reynolds, continue to lobby the Trump administration to approve the plan, and they say the state could implement it quickly."

NONPROFIT SAYS UTAHNS EARNING TOO MUCH FOR SUBSIDIES COULD FACE LARGE PREMIUM HIKES. The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (10/12, Gifford, 337K) reports an analysis by nonprofit Utah Health Policy Project finds that Utahns earning over 400 percent of the federal poverty level – or $97,000 for a family of four – could see premium increases as much as 63 percent next year. Jason Stevenson of UHPP said, "Those Utah consumers who earn too much to receive monthly subsidies will face higher premiums mostly due to the deliberate policies of confusion and sabotage being practice[d] in Washington DC."

REPORT SAYS NEW JERSEY TO LOSE 60 PERCENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO EXPAND ACA ENROLLMENT. NJ Spotlight (10/12, Stainton) examines a report released Wednesday by the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation which finds that New Jersey will lose more than 60 percent of its federal funding to "help enroll vulnerable citizens in health insurance plans," after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services cut funding for navigators under the ACA. Further, "Kaiser found most organizations plan to continue operating, despite the funding cuts, but will likely have to scale back their service area and limit help to rural residents." Linda Schwimmer, president and CEO of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, added, "There will be fewer navigators to help people figure out the best plan for them – it's a lengthy and complex process – and confusion reigns due to the multiple failed attempts to repeal the ACA."

COMMENTARY CONSIDERS HEALTH REFORM. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Linda Greenhouse writes in the New York Times (10/11, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) that while "Saudi women are gaining the right to drive," women in the US "are losing the right to employer-provided birth control." Greenhouse says the list of "religious objectors" includes "anyone" in the workplace, and she adds, "It's hard to overstate the radical nature of what has just happened." She reviews the history of the birth control coverage conflict and the US Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision, and concludes, "The Trump administration's rescission of the government's birth control mandate, not only for these organizations but also for others that never even got around to asking for it, is thus a reward for intransigence matched only by the Senate's blockade of the Supreme Court vacancy intended for Merrick Garland that it eventually handed to Neil Gorsuch."

E.J. Dionne, Jr writes in the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) Hillary Clinton's tweets this week on CHIP "offered a glimpse of why more Americans chose Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump as the appropriate person to be president of the United States." Her tweets "expressed a proper outrage over the failure of the House and Senate to renew a valuable piece of the government's health-care safety net that provides insurance to some 9 million Americans under the age of 18." Dionne concludes, "In fact, Trump cares and thinks little about policy, and the big news this week may be that the Washington consensus is finally coming around to the obvious: that Trump is utterly unfit to be president, which is what a plurality of the voters thought in the first place."

Robert Gebelhoff writes in the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) in its "Post Partisan" blog that the Trump Administration's roll back of birth control mandates ignores substantial evidence "that access to contraception does significantly reduce unplanned pregnancies." The piece compares Chile's "perfect natural experiment" for Trump's policy on what happens when prices for contraception increase: "The result was a public health disaster, as detailed in a new paper distributed by the National Bureau of Economic Research." Gebelhoff concludes, "What isn't up for reasonable debate is whether access to contraception helps prevent unintended pregnancies. The evidence shows that it does – in the United States as well as in Chile."

Paige Winfield writes in the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) "The Health 202" that

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congressional Republicans "aren't off the hook for failing to make good on their promise to repeal Obamacare, even with the shiny new executive order President Trump is preparing to roll out this week, conservative activists insist." She adds that "conservative groups were severely disappointed as the GOP-led Congress they'd helped elect crashed and burned on their dearest legislative priority – repealing and replacing President Barack Obama's 2010 Affordable Care Act."

Jon Healey writes in the Los Angeles Times (10/11, 4.49M) that the Trump Administration's "waffling" on cost sharing reduction payments will cause premiums for Californians to rise by an additional 12.4 percent. Healey adds, "In sum, the administration actions are shifting the burden of the cost-sharing reductions from taxpayers to insurers to consumers, the vast majority of whom will pass the cost back to taxpayers." The column concludes, "If critics want to stop the reimbursements, they should repeal the requirement that insurers give low-income customers a break on their out-of-pocket expenses. Failing that, the administration – or better yet, Congress – needs to commit to paying the reimbursements and stop the senseless cost-shifting."

Laurie T. Martin, Senior Policy Researcher at the RAND Corporation, writes in The Hill (10/11, 1.68M) that according to recent research she conducted, while advertising for the ACA "is helpful in raising awareness, it provides little practical help to those trying to obtain coverage." Martin's "research did not shed light on whether cutting the ACA's advertising budget would have discernible effects on enrollment." The piece concludes,"One potential solution would be to provide the necessary funding to train navigators and others who already provide in-person assistance to enrollees to take a natural next step – and continue giving support once enrollment is completed" and that "Funding for such assistance needs to be strengthened not cut."

Terry Connelly, Dean Emeritus of the Edward S. Ageno School of Business at Golden Gate University, writes in the Huffington Post (10/11, 5.74M) that the Trump Administration's exceptions for contraception coverage for religious objections may violate the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution. Connelly contends that the HHS rule "establishes those particular religion's beliefs about contraception as a sufficient legal basis for individuals and corporate entities espousing those particular faith-based persuasions to deny their employees a Federal benefit under a statute (the Affordable Care Act) and rule-making thereunder." Connelly also challenges the rule as discriminatory against women. Connelly concludes that "the most dangerous (for the Trump Administration) reaction to the contraception exception" would be increased support for single-payer healthcare.

Ramesh Ponnuru writes in his column in Bloomberg View (10/11, 4.52M) that President Trump may issue an executive order that "would dramatically reduce enforcement of" the Affordable Care Act's "fines on people without insurance." Ponnuru argues that while he is against the individual mandate, he doesn't "think the executive branch should just stop enforcing the fines."

Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (10/11, 1.54M) piece that while President Trump has not yet succeeded in repealing the Affordable Care Act, "his administration is doing its best to force the law to fail." He says the open enrollment period is a "critical time" for the ACA; however, this year, it "is in the hands of a White House that's openly hostile to the Affordable Care Act – and the Trump administration is taking advantage of the best opportunity it has to undercut the law."

Andrew Prokop writes in a Vox (10/11, 1.54M) piece that Republicans are still playing "a blame game for the failure of Obamacare repeal, and more and more of it is falling on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell" (R-KY). Prokop says some conservative activists want McConnell and his leadership team to resign. They stated that McConnell's "'greatest betrayal' was his 'failure to repeal Obamacare, the single most devastating piece of legislation against freedom ever crafted.'" Prokop argues that the activists' critique is somewhat "oversimplified and self-serving," and that they are attempting to use McConnell as a "scapegoat."

Dr. Jason James, Baptist Hospital of Miami's Chairman of the Ob-Gyn Department, writes in the

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South Florida Sun Sentinel (10/11, 530K) that President Trump's "recent announcement of a possible rollback in contraception coverage represents a huge blow to health care for America's women." Dr. James says that the proportion of women who have "no-cost contraceptive coverage" dropped from 21 percent before the ACA to just three percent. The piece mentions that the "American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) advocates the use of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) methods such as IUDs as the most effective way of reducing unintended births." The column concludes, "We must not allow our current administration to reverse the significant progress we have made in advancing health care for women in our nation, not to mention this proposal screams gender bias since contraception is disproportionately the responsibility of women."

Central Maine (10/11) editorializes that by rolling back birth control coverage, "the Trump administration is catering to one group of Americans at the expense of another" because "whether or not women employees share their bosses' religious beliefs, they're being forced to accommodate them." The piece adds, "What's particularly maddening is that the ACA has never brushed off religious objections to the birth control mandate. Religious nonprofits have long been allowed to opt out of it" by notifying the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Hadley Heath Manning, a senior policy analyst and director of policy at the Independent Women's Forum, writes in an opinion piece in the Washington Examiner (10/11, 465K) that the House Ways and Means Committee approved a bill that would repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board. Manning says that two Democrats voted for the bill, and argues that the bill "represents a real opportunity for bipartisan health reform in the right direction."

Tim Worstall, a senior fellow at the Adam Smith Institute, writes in an opinion piece in the Washington Examiner (10/11, 465K) that "using insurance to pay for contraception is simply insane." Worstall argues that "using insurance to pay for any predictable and ongoing expense, not just birth control, is insane."

Joel S. Weissman, PhD, the chief scientific officer for Brigham and Women's Hospital's Center for Surgery and Public Health, Amanda J. Reich, PhD, a research scientist and senior project manager at the Center for Surgery and Public Health, and Marc A. Cohen, PhD, the research director at the Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation, write in STAT (10/11, 43K) "First Opinion" that "while the Trump administration and the Republican-led Congress failed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, a number of ACA-weakening strategies put forward by the administration are already underway." The three authors argue that "an unintended consequence of these strategies is likely to be an increase in the amount of uncompensated care provided by America's hospitals."

Opioid News:

VA ACCUSED OF FUELING OPIOID CRISIS AMONG VETERANS. Newsweek (10/12, Levine, 991K) reports that the Department of Veterans Affairs "recklessly overprescribed opiates and psychiatric medications" until mid-2012 when it "swung dangerously in the other direction, ordering a drastic cutback of opioids for chronic pain patients." The VA is now "bungling that program and again putting veterans at risk." The article goes on at length to criticize the VA's handling of opioid addiction among veterans and warns that "the disaster is likely to worsen under the Trump administration because of its assaults on Medicaid and Obamacare," since fewer than half of the 22 million US veterans receive their care from the VA.

NANCY PELOSI PROVIDES RARE TESTIMONY IN OPIOIDS HEARING, URGES EXPANDED MEDICAID. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Leonard, 465K) reports that Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader, made a rare testimonial appearance at a Wednesday hearing focused on addressing the opioid crisis. Pelosi said it was "only the second time" she had "ever testified as leader...because this issue rises to level, as you know, of life and death." In her remarks, Pelosi urged more states to seek expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

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SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL SAYS PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY HOLDS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC. In an interview with German Lopez of Vox (10/11, Lopez, 1.54M), Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) says pharmaceutical companies "ought to begin looking over their shoulder and wondering whether or not they've gone too far in terms of some of their conduct" in causing the opioid epidemic. McCaskill describes the companies' marketing practices and suggests that some may have committed fraud to get physicians to prescribe opioids.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES $50M PROGRAM TO BATTLE OPIOID ADDICTION. Modern Healthcare (10/11, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports Indiana University has started "a five-year, $50 million research" project to identify "the best clinical practices to address opioid addiction." The article says one of the initiative's "key area[s]" is determining "how healthcare providers can address substance use disorder in patients who visit the emergency department."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROJECT GETS $2 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT. The Dayton (OH) Daily News (10/11, Garbe, 141K) reports the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has awarded Ohio's Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services organization a four-year $2 million grant to provide "wider access to the opioid overdose-reversal drug naloxone" in three counties. Officials estimate the group's "Project Save Miami" will annually serve "85 law enforcement officers, 400 EMS personnel, nearly 2,000 overdose victims and more than 800 community members."

NEW JERSEY EXPANDS OPIOID PRESCRIPTION MONITORING TO INCLUDE VETERINARIANS. The Wall Street Journal (10/11, King, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's administration on Wednesday issued guidelines aimed at preventing human abuse of pain medications prescribed to pets. The new guidelines require veterinarians who prescribe opioids, such as tramadol and oxycodone, to use the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program.

INNOVATIVE MEDICAL PROCEDURES OFFER POTENTIAL FOR NON-OPIOID PAIN RELIEF. KXAS-TV Dallas (10/3, Castro, 284K) reports that two "narcotic-free" pain relief procedures based on nerve-blocking have been developed by "Dr. Aaron Shiraz, a board certified anesthesiologist at ZeroNarcotics.com." The first method "is a one-time injection of numbing medication that can last 48 hours." The second technique "involves a small micro catheter near the nerves that continuously drips numbing medicine for extended periods of time." Dr. Shiraz said that "the main concept" is "using a targeted approach to patients pain control, instead of opioids, which work on the entire body." Shiraz added that "anything we can do to reduce the amount of narcotics, or opioids, is really going to be to their advantage."

Healthcare Fraud:

OPINION: ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION ENABLES NORTH CAROLINA TO FIGHT MEDICAID FRAUD. Sandata Technologies CEO Tom Underwood writes for the Raleigh (NC) News & Observer (10/11, Underwood, 381K) that the 21st Century Cures Act was passed in 2016 with the "potential to significantly reduce health care fraud in North Carolina and across the country" as it mandates the use of "electronic visit verification" systems for providers billing Medicaid. This verification system aims to "reduce fraud in the home health care industry by verifying home care services billed are for actual visits made," and Underwood writes that his firm advocates for an "open model," in which "the state's Medicaid office chooses or recommends one technology vendor's EVV solution while allowing home care agencies to keep their existing systems" or change them.

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ACLU, PLANNED PARENTHOOD FILE LAWSUIT OVER MISSOURI'S NEW ABORTION LAW. The Hill (10/11, Hellmann, 1.68M) reports that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Planned Parenthood on Tuesday filed a lawsuit against the state of Missouri regarding its new abortion law. The law "requir[es] the same physician performing an abortion to be the one" who provides "state-mandated information to a patient 72 hours before the procedure," the article says. The groups contend the requirement "severely restricts access to safe, legal abortion."

ONECARE VERMONT'S NEW FIXED PAYMENT HEALTH SPENDING SYSTEM EXPANDED TO COVER MORE PATIENTS. The AP (10/11, Ring) reports accountable-care organization OneCare Vermont announced plans to expand a new program "that pays providers a set amount of money for its patients, rather than paying the providers for the services they provide to those individuals" beyond the original 30,000 Medicaid patients who were eligible originally to patients insured by Medicare and private insurance as well, bringing the total number of Vermonters served to 120,000. According to the AP, "OneCare said it will be working with, among other organizations, nine hospitals in Vermont and one in New Hampshire, 24 independent physician practices, eight home health agencies and six mental health and substance abuse agencies." A Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont spokesperson said they were working with OneCare to develop a similar program for their customers that would begin on January 1.

JUDGE RULES NORTH CAROLINA MAY OWE $20 MILLION TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FOR VACCINES. The Fayetteville (NC) Observer (10/11, Woolverton, 196K) reports North Carolina "may owe more than $20 million to medical practices throughout the state because a Superior Court judge ruled last month that the government underpaid them for the cost of giving vaccines to lower-income children." Superior Court Judge Beecher Gray of Durham ruled that the state Department of Health and Human Services was federally required to pay the doctors' offices $20.45 for each vaccine administered in the federal Vaccines for Children program in 2013 and 2014. The state had paid providers $13.71 per vaccine, a provision in the Affordable Care Act raised the payment to $20.45.

Health Information Technology:

HIMSS OFFICIALS EXPRESS OPTIMISM ABOUT PROGRESS OF THEIR CONGRESSIONAL GOALS. Fierce Healthcare (10/11, Minemyer, 146K) reports that HIMSS officials have "three legislative goals" entering the new year: develop "a cybersecurity role within the Department of Health and Human Services"; enable the "pass[age] of the CONNECT for Health Act"; and "invest in infrastructure to support the 21st Century Cures Act." The article says that HIMSS has pressed HHS "to raise its chief information security officer to be on par with the chief information officer" as a means of improving cybersecurity leadership, and HIMSS expressed optimism that the goal, and others, are progressing.

Human Services News:

JUDGE DECLINES TO ORDER OFFICIALS TO ALLOW ABORTION FOR IMMIGRANT TEEN. The AP (10/12, Thanawala, Merchant) reports a federal judge in San Francisco "said Wednesday that the government cannot prevent a pregnant 17-year-old at a Texas facility for unaccompanied immigrant children from getting an abortion," but declined to bar US Department of Health and Human Services officials from interfering in the unnamed girl's access to the procedure. US Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said the complaint by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California was not filed in the right court. US Department of Justice lawyer Peter Phipps said Wednesday that the government might propose having the girl's case heard in Texas or Washington, D.C.

EDITORIAL: HAITIANS STILL NEED TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS. The Boston Globe (10/12, 969K) editorializes that the Trump Administration should further extend the federal

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government's grant of temporary protected status (TPS) to some 86,000 Haitians in this country when it expires in January. The Globe examines conditions in Haiti which "have not recovered" since a "devastating 2010 earthquake," plus recent hurricanes as recently as Hurricane Irma in September. The Globe quotes President Trump's campaign speech when he visited Little Haiti in Miami where he said that "the truth is Haiti is still suffering very badly." The editorial concludes, "The question remains whether Trump will use many thousands of Haitians as political props rather than show the kind of compassion that allowed them to find refuge here in the first place."

KANSAS' FOSTER CHILD RUNAWAY RATE IS SIMILAR TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. The AP (10/11) reports that there are "more than 70" missing foster children in Kansas, according to information supplied by foster care contractors in an oversight panel meeting Tuesday. The article says that according to US Department of Health and Human Services data, approximately 1.1 percent of over 400,000 total children in foster care were categorized as runaways in the 2015 fiscal year. Roughly one percent of Kansas' foster children are missing, the article adds, placing the state's figure near the nation's average.

Food & Import Safety:

COMMENTARY CONSIDERS WHY TRACKING FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS IS DIFFICULT. The Boston Globe (10/11, Jangi, 969K) features commentary from gastroenterologist Dr. Sushrut Jangi concerning the difficulty that medical professionals and public health officials have in tracking and identifying the sources of food poisoning outbreaks. According to Jangi, "The true story of outbreaks is that cases are often scattered and splintered, with only subtle patterns in all of the noise," with bacterial epidemiology researcher William Hanage telling him many food poisoning outbreaks "are never solved" due to the dead ends that emerge when trying to identify a source food provider or food item. Jangi concludes, "Food outbreaks are unlikely ever to be completely preventable; indeed, they are our most pointed reminders of communal risk," and that often, the best tool available to physicians and health officials fighting food poisoning outbreaks is their ability to notice and identify connections.

SALMONELLA OUTBREAK CONNECTED TO SEPTEMBER CHILI COOK-OFF SPREADS TO ATTENDEES FROM EIGHT STATES. The AP (10/11) reports roughly 150 people across eight states were infected with salmonella after they attended a chili cook-off in Virginia on September 30. According to the AP, "Dr. David Matson, director of the state's Eastern Shore Health District, said by phone Wednesday that half of them have sought medical treatment. Some have been hospitalized." Officials are conducting a survey of cook-off attendees to identify possible sources of the outbreak.

Also reporting is USA Today (10/11, Vaughn).

Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness:

EDITORIAL CALLS FOR NEW TEXAS POLICIES ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN NURSING HOMES. In an editorial, the Dallas Morning News (10/11, 984K) decries Texas policies that do not require nursing homes to evacuate facilities during disasters, but rather require them to submit emergency plans for review, but not file them with the state. The News further castigates nursing home administrators such as those of the Lake Arthur Place facility, who left "70 residents in a building filled with a foot of water and smelling of urine and feces" during Hurricane Harvey and "rebuffed" volunteers from trying to remove them.

LETTER: FHCA PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AMONG DILIGENT NURSING HOMES. John C. Simmons, president of the Florida Health Care Association, writes in a letter to the Miami Herald (10/11, 701K) that Carl Hiaasen's October 1 column asserting the deaths of the 14 residents at the Hollywood Hills nursing home were inevitable due to neglect "does a great injustice to the thousands of highly skilled professionals

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who dedicate themselves to caring for some of our state's most fragile residents." Simmons lists "some facts" to illustrate the FHCA's role in assisting facilities with emergency preparedness, and notes the Hollywood Hills facility "isn't even a member of our association."

Nutrition & Obesity:

CHICAGO-AREA SODA TAX REPEAL THREATENS FUTURE OF SIMILAR REGULATIONS. USA Today (10/11, Bomey, 8.62M) reports that "a Cook County board committee's" 15-2 vote to repeal the county's soda tax places "the future of similar measures across the U.S. in jeopardy." The article says the vote was prompted by "a backlash from store owners, drink companies and bottlers."

The AP (10/11) reports the repeal follows a "a monthslong conflict" involving "a court battle" and significant monetary investment by "both sides."

Reuters (10/11, Prentice, Pierog) reports that the repeal is "significant" for being "the first" overturned soda tax "since a string of U.S. cities last year voted in favor of such taxes."

Bruce Japsen writes for Forbes (10/11, Japsen, 5.11M) that the overwhelming 15-2 vote "comes despite a recent multi-million-dollar advertising blitz in the Chicago media market by billionaire businessman Michael Bloomberg" in an effort to save the tax.

The Chicago Tribune (10/11, Trotter, Yerak, 1.98M) quotes Rosie Regas, co-owner of the Fairplay independent chain's three Chicago stores, saying, "This was a nightmare. I get it — the county needs money. But find another way." Regas' three stores saw a 27 percent drop in sweetened drink sales.

Contributors Guy Bentley and Daniel Takash write in a Washington Examiner (10/11, 465K) op-ed that the result "should serve as a warning to lawmakers across the country that these taxes" are damaging to "consumers and businesses while failing to achieve their stated objectives and that voters" won't tolerate them.

Medicare:

CMS RELEASES STAR RATINGS FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS. Modern Healthcare (10/11, Castellucci, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports that "CMS' release of its Medicare star ratings reveals that performance among insurers overall in Medicare Advantage remains largely unchanged year-over-year." The latest data released Wednesday show that "the number of Medicare Advantage plans that performed well in the CMS' star ratings program dropped slightly from last year," while the number of insurers that receive certain ratings "hasn't changed significantly in recent years."

Healthcare Finance News (10/11, Morse, 93K) reports "Kaiser Permanente, Tufts Health Plan, and Anthem in New Hampshire are among 26 plans receiving five stars" in CMS' rating for 633 Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans.

Medicaid & CHIP:

OPINION: MEDICAID EXPANSION IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS HEALTHCARE INEQUALITY IN MAINE. Dr. Jeffrey Graham of C.A. Dean Hospital in Greenville writes in a Bangor (ME) Daily News (10/11, 162K) op-ed that Maine voters should vote "yes" on Question 2, which would expand Maine's Medicaid program. Dr. Graham says expanded Medicaid in Maine would "provide health care coverage to 70,000 Mainers" and address the injustice of healthcare inequality. Dr. Graham adds that expanded Medicaid would help Maine's fight against the opioid epidemic.

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Health & Medical News:

FDA TO CONSIDER EXPERIMENTAL GENE THERAPY FOR BLINDNESS. CNN (10/11, Scutti, 33.59M) reports that on Thursday, a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee will meet to review Luxturna (voretigene neparvovec) in a public meeting. If approved, Luxturna "would become the first gene therapy for the treatment of an inherited disease in the United States," Leber's congenital amaurosis (LCA), a rare disease that "causes severe visual impairment beginning in infancy." The piece profiles a young patient whose vision improved after the treatment. Luxturna is credited with improving the eyesight of 93 percent of participants in a Phase 3 clinical trial. CNN adds that the FDA is not required to follow the recommendation of the advisory committee.

EXPERIMENTAL GLAUCOMA DRUG EFFECTIVELY LOWERS EYE PRESSURE, FDA PRELIMINARY REVIEW CONCLUDES. Reuters (10/11, Clarke) reports that a preliminary review by the Food and Drug Administration concludes that Aerie Pharmaceuticals' Rhopressa (netarsudil ophthalmic solution) "is effective in lowering eye pressure" among patients with glaucoma. However, "the agency said the product was less effective when given twice a day in people with the highest pressure."

Fierce Biotech (10/11, Taylor) reports that "a panel of experts convened by the FDA will take a deep dive into the data and opine on its merits on Friday."

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH DIABETES COMMISSION HEADS TO WHITE HOUSE. The AP (10/12) reports a bipartisan bill authored by Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) to "establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention is headed to President Donald Trump's desk." The co-authors say that the law will bring private and public sector experts, clinical endocrinologists, diabetes researchers, and others to improve "education, care delivery and patient outcomes." The piece mentions that the CDC says nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes, plus another 79 million have pre-diabetes.

SMALLPOX VACCINE MADE OF HORSEPOX, NOT COWPOX, RESEARCH INDICATES. Newsweek (10/11, Firger, 991K) reports that a paper published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine found "compelling new information that suggests the effective ingredient in the smallpox vaccine is" made of horsepox rather than cowpox, as was previously believed. The smallpox virus still resides at high containment repositories in the CDC headquarters, "and at the State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology (VECTOR) in Novosibirsk, Russia." While "the World Health Assembly plans to destroy supplies of the virus in these labs," the virus "has proven useful for medical research to develop experimental treatments for other diseases such as cancer."

SANOFI TO INVEST $202 MILLION TO EXPAND FRENCH VACCINE FACILITY. Reuters (10/12, Blamont) reports that Sanofi plans to invest $202 million to expand its vaccines manufacturing site at Val-de-Reuil in northwestern France. Sanofi said Thursday that the new facility will allow its Sanofi Pasteur vaccines division to increase supply of one of its influenza vaccines, VaxigripTetra, to up to 70 countries. David Loew, executive vice president at Sanofi, said, "Influenza continues be a major public health problem around the world, causing serious complications, hospitalizations and deaths, mostly for certain high-risk individuals."

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSIDERS LATER START TIMES. The San Diego Union-Tribune (10/11, Warth, 668K) reports the San Diego Unified School District "board on Tuesday unanimously supported Trustee John Lee Evans' motion to provide each school cluster...with information to help decide whether to move back the start of the school day." The Union-Tribune notes that "fifteen out of the district's 16 comprehensive high schools start around 7:30 a.m.," but "the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health have endorsed 8:30 a.m. start times for secondary

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schools over the past three years." The article highlights medical opinion that "it would be wrong to ignore the effects of sleep deprivation on the brain."

STUDY SUGGESTS PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS ARE UNCLEAR ON DIFFERENCES AMONG TREATMENTS. Reuters (10/11, Harding) reports that a study published Sept. 28 in the journal BJU International suggested "many patients with localized prostate cancer don't understand the differences between their treatment options." Researchers "analyzed questionnaires completed by 474 prostate cancer patients who had just received information about their treatment options from a urologist," and found that "just over one-third of the patients were aware that cancer recurrence was just as likely with surgery as with radiation, while 39 percent were aware that prostatectomy increased the risk of incontinence." In addition, "forty-five percent of the survey respondents thought that patients on active surveillance always wound up receiving radiation or therapy later on," and "only half of patients on active surveillance require definitive treatment."

FRED HUTCHINSON, MD ANDERSON EXAMINE TOXIC SIDE EFFECTS OF CAR-T THERAPY. The Washington Post (10/12, McGinley, 10.38M) "To Your Health" blog reports that the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and MD Anderson Cancer Center are researching the negative side effects of CAR T-cell therapy. Fred Hutchinson's research, based on a clinical trial of 133 patients, found cytokine release syndrome (CRS) and neurotoxicity to be common side effects of CAR-T therapy. Meanwhile, in an article published in Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology in September, MD Anderson Cancer Center researchers "proposed guidelines for systematically dealing with the toxicities caused by the drugs," based on a study of 100 patients.

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSES FUTURE OF CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT. STAT (10/11, Joseph, 43K) reports the "Warn on Cancer 3.0" panel, sponsored by STAT and the Jackson Laboratory, spoke about the future of cancer research and treatment at the HUBweek festival. Panel member Tyler Jacks, the director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, said, "We have entered a new era." Another panel member Dr. Jeff Engelman, the vice president and global head of oncology research at Novartis, said that cancer researchers don't follow a single path to make discoveries anymore, because researchers have a variety of tools at their disposal.

PUERTO RICO INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE CASES OF LEPTOSPIROSIS. The AP (10/11, Melia) reports that officials are investigating four deaths in the wake of Hurricane Maria as potential cases of leptospirosis, "a disease spread by animals' urine." Puerto Rico's governor referenced the investigations on Wednesday, as worries over "exposure to contaminated water" continue to fester, the article says. The article adds that the CDC is helping investigate, as symptoms of the disease are similar to "those of other illnesses, including dengue."

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MUMPS OUTBREAK MAY SURPASS 18 CASES. The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (10/11, 690K) reports that a Syracuse University mumps outbreak has "13 confirmed cases and five probable cases," and over "10 other students are considered suspect cases...requir[ing] further testing," according to information obtained from local health officials on Wednesday.

WASHOE COUNTY OFFICIALS CONFIRM FIRST HANTAVIRUS FATALITY SINCE 1995. The AP (10/11) reports that health officials in Washoe County "confirmed their first fatal case of hantavirus" in over two decades. The article said the county's last death associated with the rodent-transmitted illness occurred in 1995.

STATES ACTING ON DRUG PRICES AFTER FEDERAL INACTION. The Hill (10/11, Roubein, 1.68M) reports that as there has been "little action in Washington to rein in the costs of prescription drugs," some state governments "are taking matters into their own hands" and passing prescription drug pricing transparency laws. This year, "dozens of bills on drug pricing were filed in state legislatures" and "advocates are hoping to rack up wins in more states next

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year."

OPINION: FEDERAL POLICIES OBSTRUCT VALUE-BASED PRICING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. In an opinion piece for The Hill (10/11, 1.68M), former Rep. Jim Greenwood (R-PA) writes that value-based pricing is "showing great promise in other areas of health care" but faces obstacles for prescription drugs due to "outdated federal rules." Greenwood highlights Medicaid's "Best Price" rule and "restrictions on communications between drugmakers and payers" as "policies may have been appropriate for the old payment model based on volume or consumption" but also "act as barriers to a value-based approach."

SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS SPECIALIZING IN GENETICS, DESPITE BOOM IN RESEARCH. STAT (10/11, Thielking, 43K) reports that although "research grounded in genetics is booming," there is a "shortage of doctors trained to diagnose and treat such illnesses." The article explains the shortage likely has several causes, including a lack of exposure to genetics for medical students and comparatively low pay.

PROBLEMS REMAIN AT JOHNSON & JOHNSON PHARMACEUTICAL FACILITIES IN PUERTO RICO. STAT (10/11, Silverman, 43K) reports that an internal document shows that at Johnson & Johnson's seven prescription drug manufacturing facilities in Puerto Rico, "connectivity remains an issue and so production will vary considerably from location to location" after Hurricane Maria. A spokesperson said the "potential for intermittent shortages" exists for certain products, but pointed out that many are produced in other locations that can help meet demand.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR SIGNS "RIGHT TO TRY" LAW. The AP (10/11) reports Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf (D) on Wednesday ratified a "right to try" bill, making the state the 38th in the US to enact such a law giving terminally ill patients access to experimental treatments that do not have full federal regulatory approval. Under the law, manufacturers of medical drugs, products, and devices may provide them to patients who have recommendations from physicians and who have been unable to participate in clinical trials.

The Doylestown (PA) Intelligencer (10/11, Callahan, 20K) reports one terminally ill patient reacted to the law by saying it is "another arrow in our quiver to fight for our lives," adding that with regard to FDA regulatory approval, "I don't need the FDA to protect me from death."

MERCK TO DISCONTINUE MARKETING FOR CHOLESTEROL TREATMENT. The AP (10/11, Johnson) reports Merck on Wednesday said it will abandon marketing efforts for its CETP inhibitor called anacetrapib, an experimental cholesterol treatment, following years of testing. According to the article, it is "the fourth time this type of once-promising drug has been scrapped."

Reuters (10/11, Banerjee) reports Merck "said...the clinical profile of the treatment does not support regulatory filings." A large study on anacetrapib found it "cut the risk of heart attack and death by a modest 9 percent, while causing a build up of the drug in fat tissue, leaving its commercial future uncertain."

ARDELYX ANNOUNCES IBS TREATMENT SUCCEEDS IN LATE-STAGE TRIAL. Reuters (10/11, Mathias) reports Ardelyx Inc on Wednesday said a second late-stage trial of its experimental irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) treatment tenapanor met the primary study goal of reducing abdominal pain by at least 30 percent and increasing bowel movement compared to a placebo group. Ardelyx said it plans to file for approval with the FDA late in 2018.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY APPEALS SOUTH DAKOTA DECISION ON PRESCRIPTION PAYMENT BALLOT MEASURE. The AP (10/11, Nord) reports South Dakota Biotech and Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America "have appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court after a state judge rejected their challenge to Attorney General Marty Jackley's

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explanation" of a ballot measure seeking to limit the price state agencies pay for prescription medications. While Jackley said his explanation was "fair, clear and simple," industry members "argued that the explanation falls short because it doesn't mention language giving supporters legal standing if the initiative is challenged in court."

DISTRICT JUDGE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALLERGAN PATENT TRANSFER CONSTITUTES "SHAM" DEAL. Reuters (10/11, Frankel) reports US District Judge William Bryson is preparing to decide whether Allergan's agreement to transfer patents for its dry eye treatment Restasis to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe "was merely a sham to allow the drug company to evade a challenge to its patents in a completely different forum." Allergan notified Bryson of the transfer and requested the tribe be counted as plaintiffs in a challenge to Restasis' patents, filed by Mylan, that Bryson already was considering. According to Reuters, the "seemingly routine procedural issue" of adding the tribe as plaintiffs is now "a test of the legitimacy of a patent litigation tactic that is as creative as it is controversial."

CONSUMERS MAY NOT RECOGNIZE DRUG SIDE EFFECTS WHEN ADS CONTAIN LONG LISTS OF RISKS, STUDY SUGGESTS. The New York Daily News (10/11, Gibbs, 3.61M) reports a study (PDF) published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour found "that when a drug advertisement throws too many risks at you...the less risky a drug is perceived to be by a potential consumer" based on "a psychological phenomenon called 'the dilution effect.'" The article says advertisements for medications "are required by the Food and Drug Administration to list their risks along with the drug's benefits," although "savvy marketers" may have found "that the more risks the commercial or print ad lists, the better for their brand because the smaller side effects dilute the larger risks."

CICLOMED GAINS FDA APPROVAL TO BEGIN CLINICAL TRIALS FOR BLADDER CANCER TREATMENT. The Kansas City (MO) Business Journal (10/11, Reuter, Subscription Publication, 876K) reports CicloMed LLC of Kansas City, Missouri, recently received FDA approval to begin human clinical trials for use of its Ciclopriox Prodrug among bladder cancer patients, the company said Wednesday. CicloMed is a subsidiary of BioNovus Innovations LLC and will begin clinical trials at a number of cancer centers.

AMAZON ENTERING PHARMACY SPACE COULD LOWER DRUG PRICES, MORGAN STANLEY SAYS. CNBC (10/11, Farr, 3.48M) reports on its website that Morgan Stanley issued a new analysis for investors outlining how Amazon's possible entry into pharmacy could benefit consumers, positing that the company could open "virtual retail pharmacies...to drive pricing down," forge relationships with generic drug makers to further lower treatment prices, and establish partnerships with branded drug makers. Morgan Stanley predicts such actions would generate rebates and similar discounts that companies and pharmacy benefits managers could "pass back to consumers."

HYPERTENSIVE WOMEN IN THEIR 40S MAY BE AT INCREASED RISK FOR DEMENTIA IN LATER YEARS, STUDY INDICATES. In "Well," the New York Times (10/11, Bakalar, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that women with hypertension "in their 40s are at increased risk for dementia in later years, researchers" concluded in a study published online Oct. 4 in Neurology. The study, which included "5,646 men and women" who were followed for years starting in 1964, revealed that "women who were hypertensive at an average age of 44 had a 68 percent higher risk for dementia than those who had normal blood pressure at that age, even after" adjusting for confounding factors. The finding appears not to apply to hypertensive men "in their 30s or 40s," however.

TAI CHI MAY BE USEFUL WAY TO INTRODUCE RELUCTANT PEOPLE TO EXERCISE AFTER A HEART ATTACK, STUDY INDICATES. TIME (10/11, Park, 5.85M) reports, "In a small new study published" online in the Journal of the American Heart Association, investigators "found that tai chi might be a useful way to introduce reluctant people to exercise" after having had a heart attack. The study included 29 heart attack patients who refused to participate in

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traditional cardiac rehabilitation.

MedPage Today (10/11, Lou, 60K) reports the authors of an accompanying editorial observed, "Ultimately, it may become possible to attribute the benefits of cardiac rehabilitation to its different components, and it may be prudent to prescribe the particular component (or equivalent alternative) most needed and/or preferred by each patient, especially for those unable or unwilling to participate in a comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation program." One of the editorialists disclosed "a postdoctoral training grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute."

PREVALENCE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS FOR STROKE THAT HAD CONCOMITANT HYPERTENSION, DIABETES, AND DYSLIPIDEMIA INCREASED MORE THAN 200% BETWEEN 2004 AND 2014, STUDY FINDS. According to the NPR (10/11, Fulton, 2.4M) "Shots" blog, "for years," physicians have been warning patients that "high cholesterol, cigarette smoking, illegal drug use and diabetes increase" the "chances of having a potentially fatal stroke." Nevertheless, the majority "of the stroke patients showing up at hospitals from 2004 to 2014 had one or more of these risk factors." What's more, "the numbers of people at risk in this way tended to grow among all age groups and ethnicities in that time period," researchers found.

MedPage Today (10/11, Jenkins, 60K) reports researchers "noted that the prevalence of hospital admissions for stroke that had concomitant hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia increased by more than 200%, from 9.4% to 23.7%, during the study period." The findings of the 922,000-participant study were published online in Neurology. The author of an accompanying editorial, however, "warned against rushing to judgment about healthcare performance in the US without a more careful inspection of the data."

CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS. The Helena (MT) Independent Record (10/11, Loranger, 36K) reports on two-day conference in Helena on mental health focused on ways to prevent suicide among Native American youth. The conference is "the first step in The Native Youth Suicide Reduction Plan" and included more than 75 people from tribal governments, Urban Indian Health Centers, the Indian Health Service, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

RESEARCHERS IDENTIFY FACTORS TO HELP PREDICT SEVERE TOXICITIES AMONG PATIENTS RECEIVING CAR-T INFUSIONS. STAT (10/12, Keshavan, 43K) reports that a study published in Cancer Discovery finds that patients "with severe lymphomas and leukemias who received CAR-T infusions" who "displayed early side effects like fevers, low blood pressure, and spikes in an inflammatory cytokine protein called IL6 were more prone to having severe toxicities later on." They also found that fatal toxicities happen more often with younger patients and patients receiving CAR-T infusions with higher potency.

SAN ANTONIO JOINS INITIATIVE TO REVERSE INCREASE IN HIV. The San Antonio Express-News (10/12, Ravani, 1.18M) reports on San Antonio's launch of launch the Fast Track Cities initiative which aims to lower the number of new HIV diagnoses in Bexar County. HIV diagnoses have "steadily increased over the last decade, reaching 360 a year in 2016, said Colleen Bridger, the director of Metro Health" who organized the meeting to launch the initiative. "The initiative is a part of an international effort to reach a 90-90-90 target where 90 percent of people with HIV know their status, 90 percent of people with HIV are being treated and 90 percent of them have suppressed viral loads or are 'undetectable.'"

Global Health:

MADAGASCAR SAYS PLAGUE OUTBREAK HAS SPREAD TO SEYCHELLES. The New York Times (10/11, McNeil, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Madagascar's health ministry said Wednesday that the country's plague outbreak "has spread to the Seychelles, a nearby chain of islands in the Indian Ocean." The ministry said, in the Times' words, "a 34-year-old man who fell ill after returning from Madagascar on Friday has tested positive for pneumonic

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plague," and he "is now in isolation at Seychelles Hospital and is receiving antibiotics." The Times notes that Madagascar's "outbreak has killed at least 50 people so far, and 500 confirmed cases have been reported, according to the World Health Organization and Madagascar's health ministry."

STUDY MAPS RISK OF FATAL FEVER EPIDEMICS ACROSS AFRICA. Reuters (10/11, Guilbert) reports that research published in "The Lancet medical journal assessed the likelihood of four viruses – Ebola, Lassa, Marburg and Crimean-Congo – spreading on" Africa, "charting progress from a first human case through to a potential pandemic." Researchers said "West Africa is most at risk of fatal haemorrhagic fever epidemics, including Ebola." University of Washington professor Simon Hay said, "This study's framework provides an important tool for pinpointing where local surveillance and pre-emptive countermeasures are most needed."

EXPERTS DISAGREE ABOUT GLOBAL DANGER OF DRUG-RESISTANT MALARIA SPREADING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. Science Magazine (10/11, Roberts, 399K) reports that a drug-resistant form of malaria is spreading throughout Southeast Asia. However, scientists disagree about its worldwide threat level. The article says a "team from the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit in Bangkok writes in the October issue of The Lancet Infectious Diseases" that the strain could have devastating consequences, and the group's head is pushing for the declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The article, however, also quotes multiple experts who believe the risk is being overblown.

BOTSWANA OFFICIALS DETECT ANTHRAX IN DEAD HIPPOS FOLLOWING SIMILAR OUTBREAK IN NAMIBIA. Reuters (10/11) reports that authorities in Botswana on Wednesday said that anthrax has been identified in deceased hippos in the Okavango River. Neighboring Namibia similarly announced Monday that over 100 hippos died of anthrax in its northeastern region.

ALBERTA TO BAN MINORS FROM USING UV TANNING BEDS. The Canadian Press (10/11, Cotter) reports that Alberta Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said Wednesday that "youths under 18 will not be allowed to use ultraviolet tanning machines starting on Jan. 1." Hoffman said, "Research has shown that using artificial tanning when you are under 35 dramatically increases your risk for melanoma. The changes we're making will help protect our youth from a disease that affects hundreds of Albertans every year." The article notes that the "Canadian Cancer Society had been urging the...government to take action, warning the delay has been putting young people at risk of developing skin cancer, including potentially deadly melanoma."

ITALY TO CULL BIRDS IN RESPONSE TO FIVE OCTOBER H5N8 AVIAN FLU OUTBREAKS. Reuters (10/11, Pullella) reports that Italy will cull nearly 900,000 birds as a result of five outbreaks of H5N8 avian flu in October, according to officials who spoke Wednesday. The outbreaks have occurred "in farms the central and northern parts of the country," the story says.

PROMINENT UK RESEARCHER WARNS LACK OF POST-BREXIT CLARITY COULD JEOPARDIZE PHARMACEUTICAL R&D. BBC News (UK) (10/11, 1.61M) reports that professor Jeremy Farrar, head of the Wellcome Trust and "one of the UK's most influential research leaders," warns that the UK could lose its position in pharmaceutical R&D if its post-Brexit plans are not made clear soon. "If that clarity is not forthcoming and people can't be sure of their long-term stability and the clarity of those future relationships, then inevitably that will be factored into their investment decisions," Farrar said.

National News:

MEDIA ANALYSES: TRUMP THREATENS FREE PRESS WITH REACTION TO NBC REPORT. All three broadcast networks covered President Trump's criticism of an NBC report (10/11, Kube, 3.46M) stating that he called for a tenfold increase in the size of the US nuclear arsenal during a July meeting, and the President's seeming suggestion that media outlets should

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face the loss of broadcast licenses for such reporting. The latter thread of the story gets the most attention and it is universally negative, with multiple outlets comparing Trump's words to President Nixon's abuse of power against the media, questioning Trump's commitment to the First Amendment, and noting that federal broadcast licenses do not exist.

NBC Nightly News (10/11, story 3, 2:40, Holt, 16.61M) reported that Trump made comments "about the size of the US nuclear arsenal...that stunned a top secret meeting shortly before the Secretary of State called him a 'moron.' The President dismissed our reporting, saying it's not true and that our sources are made up. Those sources, however, do exist. In fact, three of them were in the room when the President talked about dramatically increasing the number of US nukes." Trump: "No, I never discussed increasing it. We won't need an increase. But I want modernization, and I want total rehabilitation. It's got to be in tip-top shape." NBC's Kristen Welker: "But three officials present in the room say the [July 20] meeting was at times tense, including when the President was shown a chart of the history of the nuclear arsenal peaking in the late 1960s at more than 32,000 weapons. The President told his team he wanted the US to have that many. The current number stands at 4,000. ... In disputing the NBC News report, the President took the extraordinary step of appearing to attack the First Amendment, tweeting about NBC and the networks, 'At what point is it appropriate to challenge their license?'" Ten hours after that initial tweet, Trump tweeted, "Network news has become so partisan, distorted and fake that licenses must be challenged and, if appropriate, revoked. Not fair to public!"

On ABC World News Tonight (10/11, story 6, 2:10, Muir, 14.63M), Jonathan Karl reported that the President's Wednesday comment was "actually a change from December, when he tweeted, 'The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes.' Today, the President didn't just dispute the NBC report, but went so far as to question their right to report it." Trump: "And it's frankly disgusting the way the press is able to write whatever they want to write. And people should look into it." Karl: "And on Twitter, he seemed to make a threat: 'With all of the fake new coming out of NBC and the networks, at what point is it appropriate to challenge their license? Bad for country!'" In a 30-second item, the CBS Evening News (10/11, story 4, 0:30, Mason, 11.17M) called those comments "a page out of the Nixon playbook, which included license challenges and threats of antitrust suits against the networks."

USA Today (10/11, Estepa, 8.62M) reports, "Angry over a story that said he wanted to increase the country's nuclear arsenal, President Trump charged on Wednesday that NBC and other news networks should have their licenses challenged." The Washington Post (10/11, Nakamura, 10.38M) reports that the President "threatened NBC over a news report he called 'pure fiction.'" The President "has previously challenged NBC's reporting on the meeting, including a revelation" that Tillerson "referred to the president as a 'moron' after the meeting and considered resigning from the Cabinet."

The New York Times (10/11, Baker, Kang, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that the President "threatened" NBC, drawing "criticism that the president was using his office to undermine First Amendment guarantees of free speech and free press. And, in fact, the networks themselves – and their news departments – do not hold federal licenses, though individual affiliates do." Like CBS, the Times also compared Trump to Nixon, who "told advisers to make it difficult for The Washington Post to renew the F.C.C. license for a Florida television station it owned." The Los Angeles Times (10/11, Bierman, Bennett, 4.49M) similarly writes that Trump "has threatened press freedoms before, but on Wednesday, he went a step further: suggesting that television networks lose their federal broadcast licenses for what he considers 'fake news.'" The Times also says the threat "recall[ed] for many the threats of President Richard M. Nixon."

Politico (10/11, Nelson, McGill, 3.6M) reports, "Trump lashed out at NBC, appearing to make a threat that is not even possible, given that the Federal Communications Commission doesn't directly license networks." The Daily Caller (10/11, Ross, 521K) says that "any attempt to take NBC News or other networks off the air would be nearly impossible," and Bloomberg News

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(10/11, Shields, 4.52M) says that Trump can "probably not" do that, "in part because the NBC network he attacked has no licenses (which are issued to TV stations) and in part because the federal government cannot legally police political speech."

The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Bender, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) also reports that Trump denied calling for the massive increase in the nuclear arsenal. Reuters (10/11), the Washington Times (10/11, Boyer, Persons, 541K), and The Hill (10/11, Easley, 1.68M) have straighforward accounts of the President's remarks.

Mattis Calls NBC Report "False" And "Erroneous." The Washington Examiner (10/11, Brown, 465K) reports that Defense Secretary Mattis also challenged the report, saying, "Recent reports that the President called for an increase in the US nuclear arsenal are absolutely false. This kind of erroneous reporting is irresponsible." The Daily Caller (10/11, Pickrell, 521K) and Townhall (10/11, Brown, 523K) also cover Mattis' statement.

Sasse Asks If Trump Is "Recanting" Oath To Defend First Amendment. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Correll, 465K) reports that Sen. Ben Sasse "is questioning whether President Trump is still committed to preserving the First Amendment after he repeatedly floated retribution against the media for publishing stories he doesn't like." In a statement, Sasse said, "Mr. President: Words spoken by the President of the United States matter. Are you tonight recanting of the oath you took on January 20th to preserve, protect, and defend the First Amendment?"

White House Says Trump's Relations With Tillerson Are Fine. Sara Murray reported on CNN's Situation Room (10/11, 1.12M) that Trump on Wednesday "downplayed any talk of tension between himself and his Secretary of State as old news, something that happened last week." Murray continued: "In fact, the White House does say the President had lunch with Secretary Tillerson yesterday." Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' America's Newsroom (10/11, 1.71M) that the President "has confidence in his secretary of state and his entire Cabinet. They met yesterday for lunch and they are in touch very closely as you can imagine as any president and secretary of state are."

NYTimes Says Congress Should Limit Trump's Ability To Launch Nuclear Attack. The New York Times (10/11, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) editorializes, "The broad debate over President Trump's fitness for the difficult and demanding office he holds has recently been reframed in a more pointed and urgent way: Does he understand, and can he responsibly manage, the most destructive nuclear arsenal on earth?" The Times writes that "Congress has been sufficiently alarmed to consider legislation that would bar the president from launching a first nuclear strike without a declaration of war by Congress," which is "a sound idea [that] could be made stronger with a requirement that the secretaries of defense and state also approve any such decision."

TRUMP PITCHES TAX PLAN TO TRUCKERS IN PENNSYLVANIA. Coverage of President Trump's stop outside Harrisburg, PA to promote his tax reform plan is heaviest in print and local media, with only one broadcast network airing a brief report. Reports stress the President's pitch to truck drivers as he tries to portray the plan as beneficial to the middle class – and not a boon for the wealthiest. Some reports also say that Trump chose Pennsylvania hoping to put pressure on Democratic Sen. Bob Casey, who is up for re-election next year in a state Trump carried in 2016.

ABC World News Tonight (10/11, story 8, 0:50, Muir, 14.63M) reported that the President was in Pennsylvania "talking about his proposed tax plan, and making some new promises about how much middle class families would save under the plan." ABC's Cecilia Vega: "President Trump says the typical American family will save $4,000 – a 'pay raise,' he is calling this. He is claiming this will come from cuts to the corporate tax rate. But this is a tax reform plan...with few details right now. Some experts say it's actually the top one percent of income earners who will earn and win the most out of this plan, and it will add trillions to the federal deficit."

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The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (10/11, 553K) reports that after the "tax reform plan initially was skewered by critics as a boon for the wealthy," the President "took a deliberate blue-collar approach to present his proposed tax cuts in the Harrisburg area." At an airport stop near Harrisburg, "he invited groups of truckers, staged rigs as a backdrop and presented his framework for an overhaul of the country's tax code in terms of how it would affect truckers." Trump said, "Our framework ensures that the benefits of tax reform go to the middle class, not to the highest earners. It's a middle-class bill."

The Allentown (PA) Morning Call (10/11, Olson, 312K) reports that the President promoted the plan "as a proposal that will benefit Pennsylvania truckers and trucking company officials seeking to pass on their businesses to their children." He told a crowd of about 1,000, "When your trucks are moving, America is growing." Transport Topics (10/11, Lamb) reports that "representatives from trucking companies, many of which are family-owned, expressed enthusiasm at the prospect of ending the estate tax," saying that would make it easier to keep businesses in their families.

WPMT-TV Harrisburg, PA (10/11, 10:05 p.m. EDT, 14K) reported that Trump "focused on the trucking industry, which he called a critical partner in keeping the American economy running and competing with other countries." WHTM-TV Harrisburg, PA (10/11, 11:02 p.m. EDT, 13K) reported, "You could say the President was preaching to the choir. a thousand invited guests, mostly pro-business. He was warmly received as he talked taxes, trucks and truckers." WGAL-TV Lancaster, PA (10/11, 11:01 p.m. EDT, 49K) reported that Trump "rebuffed critics who claim his plan is a big win for the wealthy."

The AP (10/11, Lucey, Boak) reports, "Trump has left it up to Congress to fill in many specifics of his plan, which omits details such as the income levels for his new tax brackets. The outreach to truckers in Pennsylvania is an attempt to give a blue-collar appeal to a framework that outside tax analysts say would largely favor the wealthy." The President told the truckers, "You're going to make more money. You're going to do better than ever before. And we truly admire you. You are our heroes, believe me. You are our heroes." Charles Hurt of the Washington Times said on Fox News Special Report (10/11, 2.11M), "This is by far the most populist presidency we've had in modern times. I don't ever remember a president campaigning or hosting an event with long-haul truck drivers."

Philly (PA) (10/11, Whelan, 1.19M) reports that Trump stuck "mostly to the words on a TelePrompter," and "stayed away from the distractions that have muddled his message in recent days: the fight over NFL players kneeling in protest during the national anthem, for instance; the dispute with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who had called the president a "moron," over the two men's respective IQs; and his Twitter-sniping with ESPN."

The Washington Post (10/11, Paletta, Wagner, 10.38M) reports that the speech "came just one week before Senate Republicans must decide whether to pave the way for his tax plan." With Sen. Rand Paul "expected to oppose the budget resolution, as he has traditionally voted against any budget that doesn't eliminate the deficit," the Administration will need near-unanimity among other Senate Republicans, or some Democratic support. The Hill (10/11, Fabian, Jagoda, 1.68M) reports that Sen. Bob Corker has also "pledged not to vote for a tax bill if it adds to the deficit."

The Washington Times (10/11, Miller, 541K) reports that the Pennsylvania venue was chosen "in part to put pressure" on Casey. Politico (10/11, Nussbaum, 3.6M) says the speech "did not include any sustained appeal to Democrats," but the New York Times (10/11, Baker, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) headlines its report "In Pennsylvania, Trump Hunts For Democratic Support For Tax Plan," writing that the President "took his campaign for tax cuts to another key battleground state on Wednesday in search of elusive Democratic votes" as he argued that the plan "would benefit middle-class Americans, like truck drivers, more than it would help his fellow business tycoons." Casey, however, posted dozens of tweets Wednesday that were critical of the plan. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Weaver, 465K) reports that Trump touted Rep. Lou

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Barletta (R-PA), who is challenging Casey, saying, "He's going to win. You're going to win big."

The Los Angeles Times (10/11, Mascaro, Puzzanghera, 4.49M) reports that as the President "hit the road Wednesday to promote the plan, Republicans in Congress were quietly discussing scaling back key provisions in an effort to deliver the top White House priority. There's already talk that the cornerstone of the GOP proposal – a dramatically reduced 20% corporate tax rate that Trump has called a 'red line' – may slip to 22% or 23%," with Republicans reporting "resistance from lawmakers and lobbyists who want to preserve deductions and loopholes that were targeted for elimination" to offset "the massive corporate cut from the current 35% rate."

House Republicans from Pennsylvania were on hand for the speech. Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA) tweeted, "Pleased to be on hand for @POTUS speech on #TaxReform in PA – strong focus on what tax reform means for middle class & small business jobs". Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) tweeted, "Great to be in Harrisburg for #taxreform today. @realDonaldTrump is right: make tax code simple, honest, and fair for all Americans."

USA Today (10/11, Shannon, Lee, Machcinski, Long, Heisey, 8.62M) reports, "Before the event, a group of about 20 protesters had been parked in a private parking lot just outside the fencing of Harrisburg International Airport." They "were asked by airport police to move their vehicles to a location about a half-mile from the staging area" and "moved their vehicles peacefully, but only two returned for when President Trump landed at the airport." Bloomberg News (10/11, Olorunnipa, Epstein, 4.52M) also reports on the speech.

Trump: "It's A Massive Tax Cut." Trump said on Fox News' Hannity (10/11, 2.32M), "First of all, it's a massive tax cut. ... When we first introduced it, for years they talked about tax reform. The problem with the word 'reform,' nobody understands what it means. It could mean you raise taxes. This is the largest tax cut in the history of our country."

CEA Chairman: Trump Tax Cut Could Lift Wages By $4,000 Per Year. The Washington Free Beacon (10/11, Meyer, 158K) reports that Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Kevin Hassett, speaking at a Washington event on tax reform, said "a tax cut like the one President Trump is proposing could potentially lift wages by about $4,000." Hassett said, "Over the last eight years the average real income growth was only about 0.6% per year. That's just not fast enough. ... What President Trump wants the team to do is come up with a plan that fixes that."

Politico Analysis: Tax Cuts That Do Not Benefit Wealthiest Hard To Craft. Politico (10/11, Faler, 3.6M) reports that while Trump "has promised that wealthy Americans won't get a massive tax cut as part of Republicans' plans to rewrite the tax code," that is hard to achieve, since "higher earners already shoulder most of the tax burden while average Americans pay a relatively small share of income taxes." That makes it "increasingly difficult to cut taxes, particularly tax rates, without favoring the rich."

Reuters (10/11, Becker, Morgan) reports that "about three-quarters of Americans say they believe the wealthiest people should pay more in taxes, Reuters/Ipsos polling shows." The survey found that 53% of adults "'strongly agree' that the wealthiest Americans should pay higher tax rates," while another 23% "somewhat agree."

Cruz, Sanders To Debate Trump Tax Plan On CNN Next Week. CNN (10/11, 33.59M) reports that Sens. Ted Cruz and Bernie Sanders will debate Trump's efforts to overhaul the nation's tax code on CNN on October 18 at 9 pm ET. The debate will be moderated by Dana Bash and Jake Tapper.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: LONG-TERM PUERTO RICO RECOVERY PLAN IS IN THE WORKS. Reuters (10/11, Rampton) reports that "an administration official" said Wednesday that the federal government is preparing a long-term plan to help Puerto Rico rebuild following Hurricane Maria. While the House "is set to consider on Thursday a $4.9 billion loan for Puerto

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Rico," the loan "is meant to be a short-term measure to help the island pay urgent bills." The Administration official said, "The Community Disaster Loan cannot and does not address the recovery, rebuilding, and future of Puerto Rico, which the administration intends to address with a more long-term solution in concert with the Puerto Rican government, oversight board, court and Congress."

Eighty-Four Percent Of Puerto Rico Still Without Power. The Washington Post (10/11, Roig-Franzia, Hernández, 10.38M) reports that while life in San Juan "inches toward something that remotely resembles a new, uncomfortable form of normalcy," much of "the rest of the island lies in the chokehold of a turgid, frustrating and perilous slog toward recovery." According to the Governor's office, "eighty-four percent of the island is still without power," and "local officials in many areas are steeling themselves – with a sense of anger and dread – for six months or more without electricity." Moreover, "half of Puerto Ricans have no working cellphone service, creating islands of isolation within the island and cutting off hundreds of thousands of people in regions outside the largest metropolitan areas from regular contact with their families, aid groups, medical care and the central government."

Maria Devastates Puerto Rico's Rain Forest. The New York Times (10/11, Ferré-sadurní, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Maria "obliterated" El Yunque National Forest, "the only tropical rain forest in the United States forest system." The forest "has been an enormous source of pride in Puerto Rico and one of the main drivers of the island's tourism industry."

NBC Connects Family In US With Mother In Puerto Rico. NBC Nightly News (10/11, story 13, 1:35, Holt, 16.61M) reported on a Connecticut could who have been unable to reach the husband's mother in Puerto Rico. Correspondent Gutierrez said NBC let the mother use a satellite phone, adding, "Tonight, this family is finally reconnected."

DHS: ONE SHIP TRAVELING TO PUERTO RICO UNDER JONES ACT WAIVER DELIVERING FEMA AID. McClatchy (10/11, Daugherty, 67K) reports that while DHS said that 14 ships notified the government under President Trump's Sept. 28 waiver of the Jones Act and "three have completed their journeys to Puerto Rico," only one "is delivering FEMA aid to the island." DHS spokesman David Lapan said, "Most humanitarian relief supplies are being delivered by US government (DHS, FEMA and DoD [Department of Defense]) assets, or Jones Act-qualified vessels."

HOUSE TO VOTE ON DISASTER AID BILL THURSDAY. Reuters (10/11, Rampton) reports that the House Appropriations Committee "has approved $36.5 billion in emergency funding for relief and recovery from the recent devastating hurricanes and wildfires." The measure "includes $7 billion more than the White House had sought last week and nearly $6 billion more for the Federal Emergency Management Agency than the administration's request." In addition, it "includes $576.6 million for wildfire efforts, $16 billion for the National Flood Insurance program and a provision enabling low-income Puerto Ricans to receive emergency nutrition assistance." The Washington Post (10/11, Debonis, 10.38M) says the House is set to vote on the measure Thursday.

Republican Study Committee Chair: Congress Must Plan And Budget For Future Natural Crises. In a Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) op-ed, Republican Study Committee Chairman Mark Walker (R-NC) writes that as the United States endures natural emergencies, Congress should plan and budget for future crises instead of simply creating last-minute disaster relief bills. Walker argues that although Congress should provide relief for current victims, without establishing a rainy day fund for the future, Congress is worsening the country's debt problem.

SAN JUAN MAYOR COMMENTS ON FEUD WITH TRUMP. USA Today (10/11, 8.62M) picked up a PRI story reporting that San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz said of her public disagreement with President Trump, "I don't give a sh*t." Cruz added, "This isn't about me or politics. I'm not

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going to be the face you see out there just giving you a box of food for the photo op. I'm the face of the person who is going to make sure somebody gets that to you. ... So like the last scene of Gone With the Wind – 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.'" While Cruz "says she doesn't care about being called a nasty woman," she "has a warning, too." She said, "If I were a Republican president...and I never would be one...I would be very worried. There is going to be an exodus of Puerto Ricans to the mainland. And Puerto Ricans vote Democrat. Anywhere they go, they will change the political landscape."

TENTH CONSECUTIVE ATLANTIC HURRICANE FORMS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1893. The CBS Evening News (10/11, story 9, 0:15, Mason, 11.17M) reported that the hurricane season "broke a record today when Ophelia became the 10th consecutive hurricane to form in the Atlantic," something that "hasn't happened since 1893."

TRUMP: IF NFL HAD SUSPENDED KAEPERNICK, LEAGUE "WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD A PROBLEM." President Trump said on Fox News' Hannity (10/11, 2.32M), "I watched Colin Kaepernick [kneel during the national anthem] and I thought it was terrible. Then it got bigger and bigger and started mushrooming. And frankly, the NFL should have suspended him for one game and he would have never done it again. They could have then suspended him for two games. And they could have suspended him if he did it a third time for the season and you would have never had a problem. I will tell you, you cannot disrespect our country, our flag, our anthem. You cannot do that." The Washington Times (10/11, Boyer, 541K) also reports on Trump's remarks.

Politico (10/11, Nelson, Tamborrino, 3.6M) reported that Trump tweeted earlier Wednesday "that 'it is about time' the NFL insist that its players stand during the national anthem, lauding NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell for 'demanding' such a rule be forthcoming – a characterization the NFL promptly shut down." Trump tweeted, "It is about time that Roger Goodell of the NFL is finally demanding that all players STAND for our great National Anthem-RESPECT OUR COUNTRY." However, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in a Wednesday statement, "Commentary this morning about the Commissioner's position on the Anthem is not accurate. As we said yesterday, there will be a discussion of these issues at the owners meeting next week." Politico added that in a Tuesday memo to NFL executives, Goodell wrote, "Like many of our fans, we believe that everyone should stand for the national anthem."

The AP (10/11) reports that Trump's tweet was referring "to Goodell's meetings next week with NFL owners, where they will consider changes to a game manual that says players 'should' stand during the national anthem. That's a guideline that the league has left to the discretion of players who have kneeled in larger numbers after Trump's criticism." In addition, Goodell "told club executives Tuesday in a memo...that the anthem issue is dividing the league from its fans. He said the NFL needs to move past the controversy."

Player Says San Francisco 49ers Won't Be Forced To Stand For Anthem. The AP (10/11) reports that the San Francisco 49ers "won't be forcing their players to stand during the national anthem, safety Eric Reid said Wednesday. Reid, the first player to join Colin Kaepernick in protest last season, said he had a conversation recently with 49ers CEO Jed York, who indicated he will continue to support his players if they decide to kneel during the national anthem to protest social injustice. 'He's expressed very clearly that he wants to support us, that he's not going to force us to do anything,' Reid said. 'Speaking for our team, that's what he's told me explicitly.'"

CNN Analysis: NFL, ESPN Have Struggled In Responding To Trump Criticism. In an online analysis headlined "The NFL And ESPN Badly Misjudged Trump. Now They're Paying The Price," Gregory Krieg wrote for CNN (10/11, Krieg, 33.59M) that it's becoming "clearer that the NFL and ESPN's attempts to appease Trump have failed. ESPN retreated on Monday, suspending SportsCenter host Jemele Hill, who has been critical of Trump on Twitter, following 'a second violation of our social media guidelines.'" Krieg said that "Trump may be badly hobbled in Washington, DC, but he is no less an astute manipulator of public opinion. The NFL and ESPN, like so many presidential candidates last year, reacted to Trump's attacks with tactics drawn from

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a bygone era."

NYTimes' The Upshot: NFL "Now Among The Nation's Most Divisive Brands." Writing in "The Upshot" on the website of the New York Times (10/11, Quealy, Subscription Publication, 13.56M), Kevin Quealy said, "About three weeks ago" – prior to Trump saying "that NFL owners should fire players who kneel during the national anthem – Democrats and Republicans held relatively similar views about the league," with approximately 60% saying "they viewed it favorably" and approximately 20% saying "they viewed it unfavorably, according to daily online surveys conducted by Morning Consult." Now, however, "Trump voters are now much more likely to say that they view the NFL negatively, reflecting a sharp change around Sept. 23, when" he "criticized the players at a speech in Alabama." Quealy added, "The NFL is now among the nation's most divisive brands, behind Trump Hotels and a handful of media companies, including The New York Times."

Sharpton: In Suspending Hill, ESPN "Caved In To Pressure" From Trump. In a USA Today (10/11, Sharpton, 8.62M) op-ed, the Rev. Al Sharpton says, "On Monday, ESPN took the extreme measure of suspending host Jemele Hill for two weeks" because she exercised "her freedom of speech to make an analysis. While employers may have the right to dictate how their employees behave in the workplace and on social media, it is clear that ESPN caved in to pressure – pressure that came from the top." Sharpton says that Trump "has repeatedly put direct pressure on both ESPN and the NFL to force their players to stand for the anthem. ... It's maddening that the president can call for a boycott, or call players a 'son of a b----,' or call for private citizens to be fired, or tweet numerous things about the NFL, ESPN, Hill and athletes, and there are no consequences. But the moment a black woman speaks on the issue she is silenced."

TRUMP ANNOUNCES $1 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LAS VEGAS LAW ENFORCEMENT. USA Today (10/11, Jackson, 8.62M) reports that the President and his aides said Wednesday that the federal government is giving $1 million to the Las Vegas "to help offset overtime costs related to the investigation of the mass shooting earlier this month." Trump wrote in a tweet, "Happy to announce we are awarding $1M to Las Vegas – in order to help local law enforcement working OT to respond to last Sunday's tragedy." A written statement from the Justice Department "said the money would come from emergency response funds within the Bureau of Justice Assistance." The statement said the funds "recognize the hard work and dedication of law enforcement officers across Las Vegas and the State of Nevada, who worked tirelessly in the wake of the tragic shooting last week."

Trump Postpones Las Vegas Fundraiser. Politico (10/11, Isenstadt, 3.6M) reports that the President has postponed a Las Vegas fundraiser that had been planned for Oct. 21. Organizers have not determined a new date for the event which "was intended to benefit Trump's reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee."

Police Revise Timeline Of Las Vegas Shooting, Have Not Identified A Motive. NBC Nightly News (10/11, story 6, 1:35, Holt, 16.61M) reported that the Las Vegas gunman fired the first shots "at two employees" inside the hotel. NBC (Williams) added that six minutes before Stephen Paddock fired on the concert "a hotel security guard responding to an alarm on the 32nd floor was wounded when Paddock" through his door. A "hotel engineer had just arrived when he heard gunfire." Stephen Schuck, Hotel Engineer: "I was about a third of the way down the hallway, and I started to hear shots go off." Williams added that Schuck made a radio call saying someone was shooting and police "are looking at when that word was received from the hotel, and whether it could have been relayed faster to the SAT team, making its way to the 32nd floor." Brian Ross reported on ABC World News Tonight (10/11, story 5, 2:05, Muir, 14.63M) that the revised police timeline says "it was about six minutes" after Paddock shot through the door that he "began to fire on the concert crowd." A "person who has reviewed the records tells ABC News hotel security did not call the police until after the rampage was already under way." However, MGM, the owner of the hotel, "says the recent timeline from police may not be accurate."

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The CBS Evening News (10/11, story 3, 2:00, Mason, 11.17M) reported that Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo "said police have yet to find a motive for the attack."

TRUMP TOUTS $5.2 TRILLION STOCK MARKET GAIN. President Trump said on Fox News' Hannity (10/11, 2.32M), "I'm so proud of the $5.2 trillion of increase in the stock market. If you look at the stock market, that's one element but then we have many other elements. The country, we took it over in the last eight years they borrowed more than it did in the whole history of our country. So they borrowed more than $10 trillion. Right? We picked up $5.2 trillion just in the stock market. Possibly picked up the whole thing in terms of the first nine months, in terms of value. You can say in one sense, we are really increasing values and maybe in one sense, we are reducing debt."

TRUMP TO MEET WITH ECONOMIST, FED HOPEFUL JOHN TAYLOR THIS WEEK. Bloomberg News (10/11, Jacobs, Torres, 4.52M) reports President Trump is set to meet this week with Stanford economist John Taylor, according to "three people familiar with the matter." Taylor "is on the shortlist of people under consideration to be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve." The sources "were unsure when the meeting was to take place."

Economists Say Kevin Warsh Most Likely Nominee. The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Torry, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that a Journal survey of business and academic economists found that former Fed governor Kevin Warsh is viewed as the most likely to be nominated by President Trump as the next Fed Chairman. Economists placed a 28 percent probability that Warsh would be tapped – beating out current Fed Chair Janet Yellen at 22 percent and Fed governor Jerome Powell at 21 percent.

Fed Expects December Rate High Despite Concerns About Low Inflation. CNBC (10/11, Cox, 3.48M) reports Federal Reserve officials plan a the benchmark interest rate increase in December and anticipate an expanding economy, "despite some divisions over where inflation is headed," according to minutes from September's Federal Open Market Committee meeting. Despite low inflation readings, confidence "remained fairly high that the 2% target is likely to be hit not too far into the future."

The New York Times (10/11, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that although concerns about low inflation "was the dominant topic" at September's FOMC meeting, "most officials" were inclined to raise the rate later in the year, so long as medium-term economic outlook remains unchanged. Minutes also indicate the Fed expects slower economic growth for a few months, but "does not expect a long-term effect."

DEMOCRAT GREEN PULLS BACK FROM FORCING HOUSE VOTE ON TRUMP IMPEACHMENT. The Washington Post (10/11, Debonis, 10.38M) reports that Rep. Al Green (D-TX) "stopped just short of forcing a House vote on President Trump's impeachment Wednesday, pulling back under apparent pressure from his own party." The Democrat "read his impeachment resolution on the House floor Wednesday afternoon, bringing it up under rules that would force a rapid vote. But when, less than an hour later, the House's presiding officer called the resolution up for action, Green did not appear on the floor to offer it." The Post adds, "According to multiple House Democratic aides, party leaders had prevailed upon Green not to offer the resolution and thus force his colleagues to cast a potentially troublesome vote."

The Hill (10/11, Marcos, 1.68M) reported, "The four articles of impeachment unveiled by Green say Trump has 'has undermined the integrity of his office with impunity' and 'brought disrepute on the presidency,' but do not argue that the president has committed a crime. Instead, the articles state that Trump is 'fueling an alt-right hate machine' that is 'causing immediate injury to American society;' brought 'shame and dishonor to the office of the presidency by associating the majesty and dignity of the presidency with causes rooted in white supremacy;' engaged in deceit by making the false claim that three to five million people voted illegally in the 2016 presidential election; and encouraged police brutality during a July speech to law enforcement."

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LONGTIME TRUMP FRIEND "SHOCKED" AND "STUNNED" BY PRESIDENT'S RHETORIC AND TWEETS. The Washington Post (10/11, Kranish, 10.38M) has a 4,000-word front-page feature on Thomas Barrack Jr., "a billionaire who is one of President Trump's oldest friends." The Post says that "few people are closer to Trump than Barrack, his friend for three decades." He "helped rescue Trump's real estate empire years ago," raised money for Trump's campaign, and "turned down a Cabinet offer, preferring to be an outside adviser, although his name is still mentioned as a potential White House chief of staff should Trump decide to choose a new one." But he told the Post that he "has been 'shocked' and 'stunned' by some of the president's rhetoric and inflammatory tweets," and "wonders why his longtime friend spends so much of his time appealing to the fringes of American politics" by promoting immigration restrictions from Muslim nations and a US-Mexico border wall.

TRUMP: DEMOCRATS USED RUSSIA AS "AN EXCUSE" AFTER LOSING ELECTION. President Trump said Wednesday on Fox News' Hannity (10/11, 2.32M), "Russia was an excuse used by the Democrats when they lost the election. They lost the election and they sat in a room and they said, 'Wow, we look bad.' The morning after, in fact it's been written about I guess in various books or a book, but they said, 'Why did you lose the election?' And they said, 'Oh, it was Russia.' It wasn't Russia. It was a bad candidate. ... Now, with all of that being said, they said Russia. And then they say, 'Oh, it was Trump that colluded with Russia.' I'm saying, 'I did?' ... This was an excuse by the Democrats. ... It was an excuse for losing an election that frankly they should have won because winning the electoral college is so easy for Democrats."

House Intel Panel Asks Trump Campaign Data Firm For Information In Russia Probe. In an "exclusive," the Daily Beast (10/11, Woodruff, Ackerman, 988K) reported, "A data firm backed by some of Donald Trump's closest allies is now facing scrutiny as part of an investigation into possible collusion between the president's team and Russian operatives." Citing "sources familiar with the probe," the Daily Beast said that the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) "is looking at Cambridge Analytica's work for...Trump's campaign as part of its investigation into Russian efforts to meddle in the 2016 race." The firm "is in the process of turning over documents to HPSCI, according to a source familiar with the committee's work. Another source close to the investigation said that the probe's focus on Cambridge Analytica is 'fruitful.'"

The Hill (10/11, Chalfant, 1.68M) reported, "A spokesman for the data mining firm confirmed" on Wednesday "that Cambridge Analytica 'has been asked by the House Intelligence Committee to provide it with information that might help its investigation.'" However, said The Hill, a spokesperson for the firm "refuted the notion that the company itself is under investigation, describing the [Daily Beast] report as having 'significant inaccuracies.'" The spokesperson is quoted as saying, "[Cambridge Analytica] is not under investigation, and there is no suggestion of any wrongdoing by the company."

In Court Filing, Fusion GPS Says It Didn't Give Trump Dossier To BuzzFeed. The Daily Caller (10/11, Ross, 521K) reported, "In a surprise twist, opposition research firm Fusion GPS says that it did not give its dossier of infamous anti-Trump research to BuzzFeed News prior to the outlet's Jan. 10 publication of the salacious document. That revelation, made in court papers filed by Fusion GPS' lawyers in a Washington, D.C., federal court Tuesday, re-opens the issue of who provided the dossier to BuzzFeed." The Daily Caller added, "Fusion GPS made the disclosure in a motion to quash a request for discovery made by Aleksej Gubarev, a Russian tech executive who is suing BuzzFeed for defamation" after having been "identified in a Dec. 13 memo contained in the dossier, which was written by former British spy Christopher Steele. ... 'Fusion did not create or author the December Memo, and did not give it to Buzzfeed,' reads its latest court filing."

Trio Of Congressional Committees "Scuffling" Over Dossier. Reuters (10/10, Hosenball, Landay) reported, "Three congressional committees are scuffling over" the dossier, "people

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involved in the inquiries said." Reuters added, "The Senate Intelligence Committee and special counsel Robert Mueller are looking into possible collusion between Russia and Trump's campaign and Mueller's investigators have met with Steele," who assembled the dossier. At the same time, "the Republican chairmen of the House Intelligence and Senate Judiciary committees are challenging the dossier's credibility and one has implied that Russians may have played a role in its preparation, sources familiar with the inquiries said."

Assange Disputes Rohrabacher's Remarks On Possible Deal. The Daily Caller (10/11, Pfeiffer, 521K) reported that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is disputing Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's (R-CA) remarks "that Assange would give up the source behind a release of Democratic National Committee emails in 2016. Assange's tweeted his dispute Tuesday and Wednesday following a story from The Daily Caller about a potential deal between him and the American government." Assange is quoted as tweeting, "Disgraceful reporting. WikiLeaks never has and never will reveal a source. Offers have been made to me – not the other way around. I do not speak to the public through third parties." The Daily Caller article Assange was responding to was "about Rohrabacher meeting with Sen. Rand Paul to discuss letting President Donald Trump know about a potential deal with Assange." The Washington Times (10/11, Blake, 541K) reports on the Daily Caller article that drew Assange's response.

House Intelligence Panel Planning To Release Russian-Backed Facebook Ads. The Washington Post (10/11, Demirjian, 10.38M) reports that the House Intelligence Committee "plans to release a trove of Russian-backed Facebook ads from the 2016 election season after officials from Facebook and two other tech giants testify publicly in November. The leaders of the committee's Russia probe, Rep. K. Michael Conaway (R-Tex.) and committee ranking member Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.), told reporters Wednesday that they would move 'as quick as we can' to release the advertisements to the public." The Post adds, "Facebook identified more than 3,000 advertisements purchased in a Russian-orchestrated campaign to exploit divisions around issues such as race, as well as mislead the American public in the run-up to the 2016 elections."

WSJournal A1: Russia Converted Kaspersky Software Into Espionage Tool. On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (10/11, A1, Harris, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Russia's government used Kaspersky antivirus software to surreptitiously scan computers around the globe for classified US government records and top-secret information, adjusting the program to turn it into a tool for spying, according to current and ex-US officials familiar with the matter. The Journal says that software is produced by Kaspersky Lab, which is based in Moscow.

Politico Analysis: Senate Democrats Fret Russia Could Damage Their Reelection Bids. Politico (10/11, Cheney, Schor, Bennett, 3.6M) reported that Senate Democrats facing reelection in 2018 "are increasingly worried about a troubling reality: Russia appears set to mess with US elections – again. The bipartisan leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee warned last week that Russia's second straight attempt to upend a major election appears certain." Politico added that lawmakers such as Sens. Bob Casey (D-PA), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), and Jon Tester (D-MT), "who hail from states President Donald Trump won in 2016", worry that "the Trump administration is dragging its feet on thwarting sophisticated Russian cyber operations that could have significant impact on their races – and could even sway which party wins control of the Senate."

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TELL SESSIONS THEY WANT ANSWERS ON TRUMP CONVERSATIONS. Politico (10/11, Gerstein, 3.6M) reports that Democratic senators are warning Attorney General Sessions "that when he appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee next week he should detail his conversations with Donald Trump or else announce that the president is invoking executive privilege to protect those communications." According to Politico, all nine committee Democrats sent Sessions a letter on Wednesday "noting that during his June appearance at the Senate Intelligence Committee he repeatedly declined to answer such questions, saying the president had the right to decide whether to assert executive privilege over the discussions," and saying "that kind of deferral won't fly this time. 'We expect that when

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you appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 18th, you will have determined whether the president will invoke executive privilege as to specific topics and will be prepared to answer completely all questions in those areas on which he has not,'" the lawmakers wrote.

AFTER WHITE HOUSE BEMOANS CONGRESSIONAL BREAKS, HOUSE VOTES TO LEAVE EARLY FOR VACATION. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Wegmann, 465K) reported, "On Tuesday, the White House complained that Congress was taking too many vacations," with press secretary Sarah Sanders saying "from the podium that the nation would be 'a lot better off if the Senate would stop taking vacations and start staying here until we actually get some real things accomplished.' But either lawmakers weren't listening or they just don't care what the Trump White House has to say. On Wednesday, the House voted to cancel Friday votes and skip town Thursday afternoon to get a head start on their next weeklong vacation."

MCCONNELL SAYS HE'LL MOVE FORWARD ON JUDGES WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC "BLUE SLIPS." Roll Call (10/11, Lesniewski, 134K) reports that Senate Majority Leader McConnell has "confirmed he plans to move forward on judicial nominees even if home-state Democratic senators don't return the so-called 'blue slips' to the Judiciary Committee." The tradition has been "for the Judiciary Committee not to consider lifetime appointments to the federal bench without the acquiescence of the delegation, regardless of party." The Washington Times (10/11, Swoyer, 541K) says Senate Minority Leader Schumer on Wednesday "put pressure" on Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Grassley to retain the "blue slip" process.

A Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial praises McConnell's move, arguing Schumer is using the process, which is a courtesy, for political purposes.

LEADERS OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS CALL FOR MCCONNELL, HIS DEPUTIES TO RESIGN. The Washington Post (10/11, Sullivan, 10.38M) reports that a collection "of conservative activists who have long clashed" with congressional Republican leaders called Wednesday for Senate Majority Leader McConnell "and his top deputies to step down." In a letter to McConnell and at a joint news conference, "the activists vented frustration with the Senate's lack of major legislative accomplishments this year, including their failure to undo the Affordable Care Act. 'It is time for you and your leadership team to step aside, for new leadership that is committed to the promises made to the American people,' says the letter, which is signed by six activists." The Post lists the activists as Media Research Center President Brent Bozell; Senate Conservatives Fund President Ken Cuccinelli; Tea Party Patriots co-founder Jenny Beth Martin; FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon; For America President David Bozell; and ConservativeHQ.com chief Richard Viguerie.

Politico (10/11, Kim, 3.6M) reported that at Wednesday's news conference, Cuccinelli said, "This pattern of failure from McConnell's gang of five leadership team while loathing and attacking their own base, the most loyal bloc of voters that has elected them and all of their caucus members, can no longer be tolerated." Politico quoted the activists as writing in their letter to McConnell, "You have done nothing. You have promised tax reform. You have done nothing. You don't even show up for work." Breitbart (10/11, Moran, 2.42M) reported, "The grassroots conservative leaders chastised the members of Senate leadership," arguing they "should resign to make way for more effective lawmakers who will enact the president's populist agenda."

The New York Times (10/11, Peters, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that McConnell "was an ever-present boogeyman in" last month's GOP Senate primary runoff in Alabama, where Roy Moore unseated appointed Sen. Luther Strange, "a McConnell ally." The Times says that a "faction conservative activists," among them Steve Bannon, "now hopes to replicate that kind of grassroots-fueled victory across the country" in primaries against GOP Senate incumbents.

KUSHNER REPORTEDLY SENT APPROVING TEXT AFTER BANNON "DECLARE[D] WAR" ON GOP SENATORS. Politico (10/11, Karni, 3.6M) reported that after Steve Bannon's Monday appearance on Fox News, where he "declare[d] war on" GOP senators "and call[ed] for" the

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resignation of Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), the former White House strategist "received a text from an unlikely fan: Jared Kushner," who messaged "to say he thought the TV hit was a success, according to multiple people who were eating with Bannon at" the time. Politico said the message "was surprising on multiple fronts. For one, Bannon associates and White House officials said Kushner hasn't reached out to Bannon since he was ousted from his White House post in August. But even stranger was that" those dining with Bannon, including "conservative media personalities, thought Kushner was belatedly endorsing an anti-establishment strategy that has many Republicans concerned about losing control of the Senate all together."

Gingrich: Bannon's Targeting Of GOP Senators In 2018 "Stunningly Stupid." The Hill (10/11, Concha, 1.68M) reported that during a Tuesday appearance on Sean Hannity's radio program, Newt Gingrich said that Bannon's "strategy for creating a civil war inside the Republican party is 'stunningly stupid.'" Of Bannon's declaration to back primary challengers to nearly every GOP senator, Gingrich said that there are "10 Democrats up next year in states Trump carried. You have six Democrats up next year in states Trump carried by a huge margin. Now you take the amount of money Bannon is going to raise. If he spent that money in North Dakota, Montana, Indiana, Missouri, West Virginia [where Democrats face reelection in 2018] – the fact is you would have such a big Republican majority, you'd pass the stuff you guys want to pass." Gingrich added, "Creating a civil war inside the Republican Party may feel good, but I think as a strategy, it is stunningly stupid."

McClatchy Analysis: GOP Candidates Aggressively Seeking Bannon's Endorsement. McClatchy (10/10, Glueck, 67K) reports, "The Steve Bannon primary is on – and it's playing out at every level of government," with leading GOP "Senate recruits...wooing him by phone, and candidates for state legislature...cornering him at political rallies. Primary rivals are openly jockeying for the support of his network, and insurgent Republican hopefuls text him, dine with him and traipse to his Washington townhouse in the hopes of securing his blessing." McClatchy adds that in the wake of Bannon-backed Roy Moore's (R-AL) win last month in Alabama's Republican Senate runoff, Bannon "is suddenly at the center of GOP races across the board, heavily involved in boosting a slate of Senate challengers as candidates up and down the ballot try to land his support." McClatchy adds that Bannon is also endorsing gubernatorial and House candidates.

Bannon-Aligned Group Endorses Three GOP Senate Hopefuls. The Hill (10/11, Easley, 1.68M) reported, "A pro-Trump outside group aligned with...Bannon endorsed three Republicans running for Senate on Wednesday, firing the starting pistol on what's shaping up to be a nasty primary season for the GOP. The Great America Alliance – an antiestablishment group which counts Bannon's political adviser Andy Surabian as a strategist" – endorsed Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R), who is bidding to succeed retiring Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN); state Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R-WV), who is seeking to take on Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV); and state Auditor Matt Rosendale (R-MT), who is challenging Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT). All three Republicans face primary battles.

Robert Kagan writes in the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) that the GOP deserves the "destruction" it "may be about to suffer at the hands" of Bannon. Kagan argues that whether or not a "thoroughly Trumpist Republican Party won't be able to defeat a Democratic Party apparently bent on nominating unelectable candidates on the left," Bannon and Trump "undoubtedly believe it is more important to turn the party into Trump's personal vehicle, to drive out the resisters, the finger-waggers, the losers, the proud scions of the responsible establishment who could not stop Trump and apparently cannot legislate their way out of a paper bag."

TRUMP TO SPEAK AT VALUES VOTER SUMMIT ON FRIDAY. The Washington Times (10/11, Harper, 541K) reports, "President Trump remains faithful to the faith-minded, values-attuned voters who showed up by the millions to elect him in 2016 ... Multiple surveys from the Pew Research Center and other pollsters reveal that up to 81 percent of values voters staunchly stand

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by the president." Trump, "in turn, has cleared his crowded schedule to spend some time with them," planning to address the Values Voters Summit on Friday.

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER. The Washington Times (10/11, Swoyer, 541K) reports that the US District Court for the District of Columbia ruled Wednesday that Congress can continue to open its sessions with prayer and that the House can continue to select who leads the prayer. House Speaker Ryan praised the ruling, saying, "Since the first session of the Continental Congress, our nation's legislature has opened with a prayer to God. Today, that tradition was upheld and the freedom to exercise religion was vindicated."

GROUP OF EX-OBAMA LAWYERS FILES INJUNCTION AGAINST TRUMP VOTER COMMISSION. McClatchy (10/11, Roarty, 67K) reports, "A group of former Obama Administration lawyers on Wednesday moved for a temporary injunction against President Donald Trump's voting fraud commission, saying the committee caused an 'immediate blow to the proper functioning of our democracy' when it requested voter data from all 50 states without following legally mandated procedures. The motion, filed in US District Court in Washington, DC, by Protect Democracy Project and United to Protect Democracy, cited reports of people withdrawing their voter registration in response to the Trump commission's request for information – proof, the motion argues, that the court should stop the Trump group from collecting the data now before it does more harm. The motion also argues that the requests 'may increase the vulnerability of voter registration systems to hackers' and, contrary to federal law, gives Protect Democracy insufficient time to respond and mobilize the public to its actions."

FBI OPENS INVESTIGATION INTO WEINSTEIN. The Daily Mail (10/11, Parry, 5.15M) reports that the FBI "has opened an investigation into Harvey Weinstein." The probe comes at the behest of the Department of Justice...which instructed the bureau to investigate the mounting allegations leveled at the movie mogul." The DC adds that it is unknown whether the DOJ order came directly from [Attorney General] Sessions," but "the move is likely to be seen in a political light given Weinstein's friendship with Trump foe Hillary Clinton." The DC also reports that the move "came amid rumors that Weinstein plans to head to Europe for sex rehab – leading to fears of a Roman Polanski-style situation where he dodges prosecution in the U.S." In an op-ed for the Daily Caller (10/11, Ingersoll, 521K) posted before the DOJ probe was announced, editor in chief Geoffrey Ingersoll wrote that Trump and Sessions "will be derelict in their duties if they do not launch a full investigation." Trump Ingersoll wrote, "can give voice to the voiceless. He can give victims the opportunity to shake the shackles of Hollywood exploitation."

Anne Thompson reported on NBC Nightly News (10/11, story 5, 2:05, Holt, 16.61M) that more than 20 women are now accusing Weinstein "of some kind of sexual misconduct." NBC highlights the story of one woman, actress Dawn Dunning, and says the allegations are "making Weinstein a pariah in the business he loves."

Linsey Davis reported on ABC World News Tonight (10/11, story 4, 2:55, Muir, 14.63M) that authorities are facing questions "about why Weinstein was not prosecuted after" a "secretly recorded audio during a 2015 NYPD sting operation." The Manhattan DA "defended its decision not to prosecute." Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance, Jr.: "Obviously, he has some serious issues, and the tape is terrible. But I as DA have to be guided by the evidence and the elements of the crime." The New York Times (10/11, McKinley, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Vance "defended his decision" not to prosecute Weinstein, saying his office lacked sufficient evidence to prosecute. Vance said, "Our best lawyers looked at the case. ... I, like they, was very disturbed by the contents of the tape. It's obviously sickening. But at the end of the day we operate in a courtroom of law, not the court of public opinion, and our sex crime prosecutors made a determination that this was not going to be a provable case."

Jericka Dunce reported on The CBS Evening News (10/11, story 5, 2:30, Mason, 11.17M) that while "alleged assaults happened" in the Los Angeles Area, the Los Angeles County district attorney's office and the LAPD "say they have no record of any reports filed against Weinstein."

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In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) says that while "the details of Mr. Weinstein's actions are grotesque enough," the "fact that his systematic abuse of power seems to have been an open secret" is "just as shocking." The Post laments the "complicity" that "protects many Harvey Weinsteins in many industries," and says the stories from Weinstein's alleged victims "make clear the crucial role that those in positions of responsibility must play by denouncing misconduct when they see it and demanding accountability, rather than remaining quietly complicit."

Republicans Seek To Exploit Weinstein's Donations To Democrats. Politico (10/11, Debenedetti, 3.6M) reports that while "leading Democrats hope they've done enough to wash their hands of politically uncomfortable ties to Harvey Weinstein," Republicans "aren't letting go just yet." Each "high-profile Democrat to receive money from Weinstein" has "made plans to direct it elsewhere, aside from recent retirees like former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton – who still denounced him." However, the DNC stopped short of promising a full giveaway." While the DNC "pledged 'over $30,000' of Weinstein donations to political groups that work to elect women, the committee "had raised over $300,000 from Weinstein, a fact Republicans have been quick to exploit."

POLITICO New York (10/11, Vielkind) reports that New York Gov, Andrew Cuomo is keeping some of the campaign cash he received from Weinstein, "renewing criticism from Republicans and setting himself apart from other politicians who benefited from the film producer's largesse." Cuomo "raised $110,400 from Weinstein or his company since 1999," but his campaign "said it would donate $50,000 to an unspecified women's charity." The decision drew fire from the Republican State Committee whose spokeswoman Jessica Proud said, "In the dictionary next to the word 'hypocrisy' is a picture of Andrew Cuomo. ... Democrats across the country have had the sense to give the money back, but not Governor Cuomo. What kind of message does it send to women and victims that despite everything we know about the abuse Harvey Weinstein inflicted on them, he still won't let go of his $60,000? His actions speak volumes."

Conway: Clinton A "Hypocrite About Women's Empowerment." Presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway was asked on Fox News' America's Newsroom (10/11, 1.71M) about her criticism of Hillary Clinton for taking so long to make a statement about the allegations facing Weinstein. Conway said, "I felt like a woman who ran to be commander-in-chief and President of the United States who talks about women's empowerment took an awfully long time to give support to those women who were coming forward and has still as far as we know kept the money, kept the dirty money that dirty Harvey has given her in her campaign." Asked if Clinton returning the money would "make it better for you," Conway said, "No. First of all she doesn't need to mollify me. She need to not be a hypocrite about women's empowerment."

Bannon Was Once In Business With Weinstein. The AP (10/11, Werner) reports that former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon "profited off a relationship with the movie mogul, in an ill-fated joint venture more than a decade ago." In 2005, Bannon "served as chairman of a small company that distributed DVDs and home videos, and went into business...with The Weinstein Co., led by Harvey Weinstein and his brother Bob," who "became 70 percent owners of the now defunct venture, Genius Products." The AP adds that the link opens Bannon "to charges of hypocrisy given Breitbart's intense focus on the scandal and its political fallout."

Farrow Says He Took Weinstein Story To New Yorker When NBC Dragged Its Feet. The New York Times (10/11, Koblin, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that on Wednesday "the media and entertainment industries were still discussing how and why [Ronan] Farrow's story on allegations of sexual abuse levied against the film mogul Harvey Weinstein by numerous women had ended up being published by The New Yorker – after it began as an investigative report for NBC News." Farrow, a former NBC News contributor told MSNBC's Rache Maddow "he had taken his investigation to The New Yorker only after the network dragged its feet," but NBC News president Noah Oppenheim "disputed the suggestion that the network's news division had

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lacked the courage to air Mr. Farrow's exposé."

WPOST A1: PRIVATE DEAL GUARANTEED MOORE $180K ANNUALLY FOR PART-TIME WORK AT CHARITY. The Washington Post (10/11, A1, Boburg, O'Harrow Jr., 10.38M) reports on its front page that Roy Moore (R-AL), who is battling ex-US Attorney Doug Jones (D) in the Dec. 12 Alabama special Senate election, previously stated "that he did not take a 'regular salary' from the small charity he founded to promote Christian values because he did not want to be a financial burden. But privately, Moore had arranged to receive a salary of $180,000 a year for part-time work at the Foundation for Moral Law, internal charity documents show," collecting over "$1 million as president from 2007 to 2012, compensation that far surpassed what the group disclosed in its public tax filings most of those years. When the charity couldn't afford the full amount, Moore in 2012 was given a promissory note for back pay eventually worth $540,000 or an equal stake of the charity's most valuable asset, a historic building in Montgomery, Ala., mortgage records show."

OBAMA TO STUMP FOR NORTHAM IN RICHMOND ON OCT. 19. The AP (10/11, Suderman) reports that former President Barack Obama "is set to return to the campaign trail for the first time since he left office with a rally" in support of Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam (D-VA), who is battling ex-RNC chief Ed Gillespie (R) in this fall's "closely watched race" to succeed term-limited Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D-VA). According to the Northam camp, "the lieutenant governor and Obama will appear together at an event in Richmond on Oct. 19. The focus of the rally will be 'the need for the next governor to create economic opportunity for all Virginians,' according to Northam's campaign."

The Washington Post (10/11, Nirappil, 10.38M) reports that Obama's "foray into the" contest "could inject energy into what has been a relatively sleepy race. A recent Washington Post-Schar School poll found fewer people were closely watching the contest than at the same point in 2013, despite the fact that the major parties view the contest as test of politics in the era of President Trump." Politico (10/11, Robillard, 3.6M) reported that Obama's "long-planned entrance into the contest comes as the race is drawing more national attention," with Trump having "recently" backed "Gillespie, and Vice President Mike Pence" prepared "to campaign for Gillespie on Saturday in the state's southwest, while former Vice President Joe Biden will campaign in the state's Democratic-leaning D.C. suburbs on the same day."

Under the headline "Virginia Governor Race Gets Hot As Obama, Bush Face Off," Breitbart (10/11, Moran, 2.42M) reported on Obama's slated appearance in support of Northam, and added that former President George W. Bush "will headline fundraisers for Gillespie in Richmond and Alexandria on October 16." The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Hook, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) also reports on Obama's planned rally for Northam.

Gillespie Says He Would Bar Sanctuary Cities From Being Established In Virginia, If Elected. The Washington Times (10/11, Persons, 541K) reports that during a Wednesday appearance on Fox News, Gillespie said "that he will not allow sanctuary cities to be established in Virginia if he's elected governor." Referring to Northam, Gillespie said, "The point I made to my opponent, the lieutenant governor, who voted against a ban on sanctuary cities, and in [Monday's] debate, would not say that he would ban them even if they were established here in the commonwealth – I want to prevent them from ever being established."

THE HILL: RETIREMENTS COMPLICATING DEMOCRATS' EFFORT TO RECLAIM HOUSE. The Hill (10/11, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported, "Retirements from House Democrats are complicating the Democratic push to retake the majority next year." The Hill said that NH1 Rep. Carol Shea-Porter's (D) recent announcement that she won't seek "reelection means Democrats will soon face three vacancies in Democratic-held districts that President Trump carried last year." The others are the districts of NV3 Rep. Jack Rosen (D), who is challenging Sen. Dean Heller (R), and MN1 Rep. Tim Walz (D), who is running for governor. The Hill added, "Democrats are still confident that President Trump's low approval ratings and voter discontent with a Republican

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Congress will lead to more Republican retirements and help them expand the map." However, "with Democrats hoping for the net gain of 24 seats that would hand them the majority, retirements on their own side are complicating the midterm picture."

CRUZ EDGES DEMOCRAT O'ROURKE IN Q3 FUNDRAISING, HOLDS LARGE CASH ADVANTAGE. The Dallas Morning News (10/11, Kelly, 984K) reports that Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-TX), who is mounting a 2018 bid to unseat Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), "raised $1.7 million in the" third quarter of this year. However, Cruz "kept a step ahead, raising $2 million" during the same period. The figure "marks a slight drop from O'Rourke's tally for the previous quarter, when he out-raised Cruz, $2.1 million to $1.6 million." Cruz "still has more than $6.3 million in the bank, up from $5.7 million, his campaign said. O'Rourke aides say he has about $2.8 million." The Texas Tribune (10/11, Svitek, 13K) also reports on the candidates' fundraising numbers.

Ingraham Says "Good-Old-Boy Type" Asked Her To Primary Cruz. The Washington Examiner (10/11, Lim, 465K) reports that in her new book, Fox News commentator Laura Ingraham writes that "she was asked at the 2016 Republican National Convention to challenge [Cruz] in his next primary." Ingraham is quoted as writing in her book, "People were so torched by Cruz's failure to endorse [President] Trump that talk of primarying him ignited almost the moment he walked off the stage. In fact, a tanned, good-old-boy type in his late 40s approached me and asked me if I'd consider moving to Texas to run against him."

FLAKE PRIMARY FOE WARD RAISES $690K IN Q3. In an "exclusive," The Hill (10/11, Easley, 1.68M) reported that ex-state Sen. Kelli Ward (R-AZ), who is mounting a 2018 primary challenge to Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), "raised $690,000 in the third quarter of 2017, nearly doubling the amount she had raised in the first six months of the year." Ward "has raised $1.047 million so far in 2017. Her cash reserves bounced from $83,000 at the end of the second quarter to over $250,000 presently."

GOP MONTANA SENATE HOPEFUL ROSENDALE RAISES OVER $400K IN TWO MONTHS. The Hill (10/11, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported that state auditor Matt Rosendale (R-MT), who is seeking to take on Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) in 2018, "raised about $410,000 in the third fundraising quarter" of this year. Because Rosendale "announced his bid at the end of July, he only had two of [the] three months" in Q3 to raise cash. The Hill added, "Most Montana Republicans consider Rosendale the slight favorite in the GOP primary thanks to his experience running statewide and his conservative reputation as a member of the state legislature. He also is expected to win the" endorsement of Stave Bannon. Three other candidates are running in the GOP primary.

DEMOCRAT BROWN RAISED $2.6M IN Q3, HAS $8.3M BANKED FOR REELECTION RACE. The Toledo (OH) Blade (10/10, Troy, 187K) reported that Sen. Sherrod Brown's (D-OH) campaign on Tuesday said "it raised more than $2.6 million during the third quarter," ending the period with "$8.3 million cash on hand." Brown's 2018 challengers, businessman Mike Gibbons (R) and state Treasurer Josh Mandel (R-OH), have yet to release their latest fundraising numbers.

MANCHIN EASILY BESTS GOP CHALLENGERS JENKINS, MORRISEY IN Q3 MONEY RACE. The AP (10/11) says that Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) "reports raising about $900,000 in the past three months for his 2018 re-election campaign with about $4.1 million on hand." State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R-WV), who is battling Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-WV) in the GOP Senate primary, "reports raising about $670,000 in his first reporting quarter since officially announcing his run, with $548,000 on hand at the end of September." Jenkins, meanwhile, "reported about $220,000 raised in the period with almost $1.26 million on hand."

BLACKBURN HAILS TWITTER REVERSAL ON AD AS "OUR FIRST SENATE CONSERVATIVE VICTORY." Politico (10/11, Nelson, 3.6M) reported that during a Wednesday appearance on Fox News, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – who is mounting a 2018 bid to succeed

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retiring Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) – said that "Twitter's decision to reverse course and allow [her] to promote a video featuring anti-abortion language is 'our first Senate conservative victory.'" Blackburn had kicked off her Senate run "with a video posted to Twitter in which she boasted that she had 'fought Planned Parenthood and we stopped the sale of baby body parts, thank God.' Twitter initially deemed the 'baby body parts' language too 'inflammatory' for Blackburn to promote but later reversed that decision." Said Blackburn, "The American people have just risen up, and I said this is our first Senate conservative victory."

Blackburn said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (10/11, 1.15M), "Social media and Twitter are important platforms. But the liberal left cannot continue to think they have the right to censor free speech and especially with campaign messages with which they disagree."

PROSECUTION RESTS IN MENENDEZ TRIAL; DEFENSE ASKS JUDGE TO DISMISS CASE. On Wednesday, the prosecution in the federal corruption trial of Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and his longtime friend and donor, eye doctor Salomon Melgen, rested its case. The Washington Post (10/11, Barrett, Maimon, 10.38M) reports, "After a stream of witnesses that included jet pilots, former congressional staffers, federal officials, and one ex-senator, the government's case ended with testimony from FBI agent Alan Mohl," who "has been reading emails between Menendez and the senator's staff that prosecutors say shows the lawmaker was determined to use his position to help" Melgen.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/11, Seidman, Tamari, 1.71M) reports that after the prosecution rested its case, lawyers for Menendez and Melgen "asked the judge to dismiss the case immediately on grounds the government had not proven a quid pro quo. The judge excused the jury and said he would hear oral arguments on the motion Wednesday afternoon. Prosecutors accuse Menendez of advocating for Melgen's personal and financial interests over the course of several years in exchange for free trips on Melgen's jet, vacations at his Dominican villa, and some $750,000 in political donations."

Bloomberg News (10/11, Voreacos, Weinberg, 4.52M) reports that "defense attorneys pressed to have the case dismissed based on a 2016 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that narrowed the definition of public corruption." Menendez attorney Abbe Lowell "said the senator didn't engage in 'official acts' on Melgen's behalf, especially given the narrower definition laid out by the Supreme Court." And Melgen attorney Kirk Ogrosky "said prosecutors failed to show that the two men entered into a corrupt agreement. 'There's not a scintilla of evidence of an agreement,' he told US District Judge William Walls." The judge, though, "repeatedly signaled that he is unlikely to dismiss the case before it goes to the jury."

However, Politico (10/11, Friedman, 3.6M) reported, "Hours after the prosecution rested," the judge "cast doubt Wednesday on a theory that's central to its case. At the same time, Walls said he will allow the jury to decide whether Menendez filed false reports with the US Senate, a charge seen by many as the toughest to beat. At issue is the 'stream of benefits' theory of bribery, which defense attorneys argue was invalidated by the US Supreme Court's 2016 decision overturning the corruption conviction of former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell," which "narrowed the type of conduct that can be used to prosecute for corruption. 'I'm particularly concerned about stream of benefits. And we'll see,' Walls told prosecutor Peter Koski."

The New York Times (10/11, Corasaniti, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Walls "said that he interpreted Chief Justice Roberts's ruling as invalidating the 'stream of benefits' theory of bribery, which says that a bribe can occur if one party offers a thing of value to keep the other party on retainer, essentially, rather than a more straightforward trade. 'The point is this: Does 'stream of benefits' still live?' Judge Walls said to Peter Koski, the lead prosecutor in the case. 'If 'stream of benefits' still lives, then you still have a chance. You still have a chance even if 'stream of benefits' doesn't live, particularly with regards to false reports.'" The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Macmillan, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) also reports on Wednesday's development at the Menendez-Melgen trial.

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JUDGE ORDERS RELEASE OF GIANFORTE'S MUGSHOT. The AP (10/11) reports that Gallatin County District Judge Holly Brown on Wednesday "ordered the release of a mugshot taken of" Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-MT), who "was convicted of assaulting a reporter on the eve of the special election that put him in office." The AP adds that County Attorney Marty Lambert "would not release the image without a court order, arguing it is confidential criminal justice information. ... Neither Gianforte nor Lambert opposed the release of the photo. Gianforte pleaded guilty to assaulting Guardian reporter Ben Jacobs on May 24 as Jacobs sought to question him about health care legislation."USA Today (10/11, Cummings, 8.62M) reports, "Despite the incident, the millionaire businessman easily won the election. Gianforte was ordered to pay a $385 fine, complete 40 hours of community service and 20 hours of anger management."

GOP HOPEFUL ROSSI RAISES $575K IN NINE DAYS. The Hill (10/11, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported that state Sen. Dino Rossi (R), who is mounting a 2018 bid to succeed retiring Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA), "raised more than a half-million dollars in the first nine days of his House campaign, he said Wednesday, an eye-popping sum." Rossi "announced his campaign's haul of $575,000 in a Facebook post." The Hill added that Rossi "ran a tight race for governor in 2004 and was the GOP's nominee for Senate in 2010, but lost both races. When Reichert announced his retirement in September, Rossi was instantly floated as a top choice of Republicans looking to hold on to the Democratic-leaning seat. He announced his bid a few weeks later."

KERRY ENDORSES, STUMPS WITH NEW JERSEY GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE MURPHY. NJ News (10/11, Brodesser-Akner, 1.21M) reports that ex-Goldman Sachs executive Phil Murphy (D), who is battling Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno (R-NJ) in this fall's race to succeed term-limited Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ), on Wednesday was endorsed by ex-US Secretary of State John Kerry (D). During a joint appearance "at a VFW post in Clifton," Kerry – "a decorated Vietnam combat veteran" – lauded Murphy "as someone who would bring 'a business mindset' to the state's handling of veterans affairs."

MARYLAND'S ROCKEYMOORE CUMMINGS JOINING CROWDED DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. The Washington Post (10/11, Wiggins, 10.38M) reports that "policy consultant" Maya Rockeymoore Cummings (D-MD), wife of veteran Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), will mount a 2018 bid to oust Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD), "becoming the second woman and the third African American to join the crowded Democratic primary field." Rockeymoore Cummings "has more than two decades of experience working in the public and private sectors, including as chief of staff to" now-former Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY), "senior resident scholar for health and income security at the National Urban League and vice president of research and programs at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She started Global Policy Solutions, a social change strategy firm, in 2005." The Baltimore Sun (10/11, Dresser, 706K) reports that Rockeymoore Cummings "plans to announce her candidacy Thursday via a web video."

SEIU Backing Ex-NAACP Chief Jealous In Democratic Race. The Baltimore Sun (10/11, Cox, 706K) reports that Service Employees International United, "a labor union with 45,000 members in Maryland, will support" ex-NAACP chief Ben Jealous (D) in the Democratic gubernatorial primary. The Sun says, "SEIU leaders plan to formally endorse Jealous during an event on Thursday, according to his campaign." The Washington Post (10/11, Wiggins, 10.38M) reports, "The much sought-after nod from the" SEIU "will be the latest endorsement for" Jealous, who previously has won the backing of "Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Our Revolution, and Maryland Working Families."

POLITICO MAG EXAMINES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MACOMB COUNTY NATIVES EMINEM, KID ROCK. In a piece for Politico Magazine (10/11, 3.55M), Zack Stanton, digital editor of Politico Magazine and a native of Macomb County, MI, said that rapper Eminem, a fierce critic of President Trump, and Kid Rock, a strong supporter of the President, are both "product[s] of Michigan's Macomb County," which "went for Trump overwhelmingly" in 2016, "delivering more votes for him than for any other presidential candidate in the history of the county." Stanton said

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that Eminem "grew up in southern Macomb in the working-class Democratic suburbs of Warren and East Detroit." Kid Rock, meanwhile was "the third of four children in a well-to-do family in the placid northern Macomb small town of Romeo, a Republican redoubt." Stanton added, "There are, in a sense, two Macombs."

Meanwhile, under the headline "After Eminem's Trump-Trashing Freestyle, Hip-Hop Becomes Leading Source Of Protest Music," the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (10/11, Levy, 628K) reports, "Ten months after Donald Trump's inauguration, the most celebrated music scolding the president has been from rappers. A scathing freestyle from Eminem, dubbed 'The Storm' and dropped during the BET Hip Hop Awards Tuesday, is the talk of the news cycle right now, topping YouTube's trending chart Wednesday, and with 20 million views as of Wednesday afternoon between YouTube and Facebook."

JUDGE ALLOWS DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS. The AP (10/11, Nicholson) reports that US District Judge James Boasberg in Bismarck, ND ruled on Wednesday that the Dakota Access oil pipeline "can continue operating while a study is completed to assess its environmental impact on an American Indian tribe." Judge Boasberg's decision "will come as a blow to the Standing Rock Sioux, who have argued that an oil spill from the pipeline under Lake Oahe – from which the tribe draws its water – could have a detrimental effect on the tribal community." Judge Boasberg "found that it is likely the Army Corps of Engineers will be able to justify previous decisions made while permitting the pipeline. 'The Corps must simply connect the dots,' he said. 'This, then, is not a case in which the agency must redo its analysis from the ground up.'" The judge "also acknowledged that shutting down the pipeline would disrupt the energy industry, but said it wasn't a major factor in his decision."

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES CONTINUE TO RAGE AS DEATH TOLL RISES TO 21. NBC Nightly News (10/11, lead story, 2:30, Holt, 16.61M) reported that three days have passed with "still no control" of the 22 wildfires burning across California, which have resulted in at least 21 dead and 3,500 businesses and homes destroyed, especially in the wine country north of San Francisco. Winds were "picking up once again" Wednesday night, as new evacuations were underway and 8,000 firefighters battled the fires. Authorities "are dealing with hundreds of missing persons reports, complicated by destroyed cell towers," and officials "are seeing the worst air quality ever recorded in parts of the Bay Area."

ABC World News Tonight (10/11, lead story, 3:40, Muir, 14.63M) reported that whole neighborhoods have "turned to ashes" as firefighters race to contain the damage. Cal Fire Director Ken Pimlott described the fires as "literally burning faster than firefighters can run." As of Wednesday night, fires have burned through 170,000 acres, and new evacuation orders in Sonoma and Napa Counties were declared. At least 73 cell towers have been destroyed, and winds around Santa Rosa were forecast to gust up to 40 miles per hour.

The CBS Evening News (10/11, lead story, 2:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported Pimlott called the fires "a serious, critical, catastrophic event." Cal Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox praised firefighters' efforts and their "real sense of purpose and mission," but expressed concern that the fires could be "pushed in other directions." Nearly 400 people have been reported missing.

The Los Angeles Times (10/11, Willon, 4.49M) reports that officials "fear that strong winds forecast for Wednesday evening and Thursday morning will spread embers from the deadly Tubbs fire to populated areas of Santa Rosa and Calistoga that have so far been spared the flames."

The New York Times (10/11, A1, Fuller, Pérez-Peña, Bromwich, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that survivors have "told of narrow escapes from walls of flame that seemed to erupt from nowhere on Sunday night and Monday morning, forcing them to run even before text messages and other alerts were sent out by emergency warning systems."

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The Wall Street Journal (10/11, Lazo, Ailworth, Lovett, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that California Gov. Jerry Brown said Wednesday that the cost of the fires will reach "tens of billions" of dollars, and that the wildfires were "one of the biggest" in the state's history. More than 60,000 people have fled their homes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE SCHOOLS ON "MODIFIED LOCKDOWN" FOLLOWING THREATENING MESSAGE BOARD POST. The Washington Post (10/11, Larimer, 10.38M) reports that schools in Charlottesville, Virginia were placed on a "modified lockdown" on Wednesday following a threatening message board post. According to a police statement on the city's website, the post on the unidentified message board had expressed "discontent with recent events in Charlottesville" and admiration for Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock. The police statement indicated the identity of the individual behind the post was unknown and that officers had been stationed at city schools and some private schools.

SUPREME COURT WEIGHS IMMUNITY FOR CORPORATIONS IN OVERSEAS HUMAN RIGHTS SUITS. The Washington Post (10/11, Barnes, 10.38M) reports that a majority of Supreme Court justices "seemed skeptical Wednesday that an 18th-century law allows foreign citizens to sue foreign corporations in U.S. courts over allegations of human rights atrocities committed abroad." The Post adds that the court "has wrestled before with the kind of lawsuits authorized by the Alien Tort Statute, which was enacted by the first Congress in 1789," and "the justices have limited the kind of actions that can be brought but in 2013 declined to decide whether corporations were immune from suits under the statute." According to the Post, "the new case involves 6,000 foreign citizens who allege that the Arab Bank provided financial services to terrorists who engaged in attacks against Israelis in 2000." The plaintiffs "said the suit was authorized by the Alien Tort Statute (ATS), which was largely ignored for 200 years before human rights organizations began filing suits seeking relief for abuses overseas."

The New York Times (10/11, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that the court, "which has already placed strict limits on lawsuits brought in federal court based on human rights abuses abroad, seemed open on Wednesday to barring such suits entirely when the defendants are corporations." Jeffrey L. Fisher, an attorney for the plaintiffs, "said his clients had made grave accusations against the bank. 'What we allege is knowing and purposeful financing of terrorism with the expectation that it will make those terrorism attacks more successful and more lucrative for the perpetrators, and that is a violation of the law of nations,' he said." Paul D. Clement, representing the bank, "said American courts have no business sorting out the truth of accusations involving foreign parties and conduct. 'This case arises out of a suit by Israeli nationals against a corporation chartered in Jordan for injuries suffered in Israel and the adjoining territories,' he said."

BOY SCOUTS TO ALLOW GIRLS TO JOIN. NBC Nightly News (10/11, story 9, 1:45, Holt, 16.61M) reported the Boy Scouts of America announced Wednesday it had reached a unanimous decision that, starting in 2018, girls can join the Cub Scouts, and that starting in 2019, older girls can become Eagle Scouts. BSA Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh said of girls joining, "They'll have the opportunities for an advancement track that is identical to boy scouting but maintains the opportunities for them to have leadership with their own girl gender." The decision intensified a "growing feud with the Girl Scouts of America," which is now exploring what types of legal actions can be pursued against BSA – including the retraction of the Boy Scouts' congressional charter.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that the Boy Scouts of America's decision to allow girls to join the organization in the future represented a compromise that prevents total gender integration in the group while addressing growing pressure to allow girls to join and the BSA's flagging membership. The Journal says the question remains as to whether the decision will satisfy the progressive movement's concerns about gender differences, but concludes by expressing hope that BSA will succeed in its new policy.

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EXPERTS SEE 2017 AS BEGINNING OF END OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE. The Washington Post (10/11, Holley, 10.38M) reports that 2017 likely will be viewed one day as the beginning of the end of vehicles with internal combustion engines, according to experts, who say the "tipping point" for electric cars entering the mainstream has followed three major developments. First, China announced plans to eliminate internal combustion engines entirely by 2030. Second, the Tesla Model 3 debuted, with a starting price of about $35,000. Third, major automakers – including GM, Volvo, Volkswagen, Mercedes, Audi, BMW, and Ford – all have announced electric vehicles plans in recent months.

ALEC BALDWIN HAS "ANOTHER EPIC MELTDOWN" ON NEW YORK CITY STREETS. Page Six (10/11, Siegler, 455K) reports, "Explosive actor Alec Baldwin had another epic meltdown on the streets of New York this week." Baldwin "was seen in a verbal exchange with a presumably reckless motorist" near Greenwich Village "that included insults and soft-drink throwing."

ROVE: TRUMP HURTING HIMSELF BY ATTACKING CORKER. In a Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) column, Karl Rove writes that President Trump's attacks on Sen. Bob Corker make Trump appear weak and ineffective, may allow Democrats to seize the House and Senate in 2018, and seek to undermine a senator whose help Trump needs in order to pass tax reform legislation.

WPOST: PRUITT DESTROYS CLEAN POWER PLAN. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) criticizes EPA Administrator Pruitt's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan and argues that the rule's elimination not only bypasses the fact that many, including the Supreme Court, had viewed the policy as legal, but also likely will lead to much fewer limits on carbon emissions. The Post describes Pruitt's approach as "anti-scientific," "ideological," and "a betrayal of his office."

WPOST CRITICIZES TRUMP CABINET FOR USING PRIVATE PLANES. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) criticizes Trump Cabinet members for what the Post describes as private travel at "exorbitant expense to taxpayers." The Post particularly criticizes Interior Secretary Zinke for "spending $12,375 on a charter flight from Las Vegas, where he spoke at the behest of a political patron, to his home state of Montana in June." The Post adds that Energy Secretary Perry, Veterans Affairs Secretary Shulkin, and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin "are among at least seven Cabinet-level officials who have shunned the plebeian confines of readily available commercial planes in favor of private jets and military flights at public expense, sometimes to smart destinations in Europe and sometimes accompanied by their spouses – all at a total cost of millions of dollars."

NYTIMES: NEW YORK MAYORAL DEBATE OFFERED LITTLE. In an editorial, the New York Times (10/11, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) writes that Tuesday night's debate among the three candidates for New York mayor offered few policy specifics, was by "loud and obnoxious" spectators and "endless audience shouting," and resulted in no indisputable winner. The Times concludes that the biggest loser from the debate was the voters of New York.

WSJOURNAL: GOP'S AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN WOULD HELP BOTH ECONOMY AND TRAVELING PUBLIC. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that House Republicans' current plan to convert Federal Aviation Administration air-traffic control into an operation run by airlines, pilots, controllers, and other industry experts would help improve both the economy and travelers' experience. The Journal argues that Republicans should seize the opportunity to pass the legislation while they have a President who wants reform as part of his infrastructure improvement plan.

Editorial Wrap-Up:

NEW YORK TIMES. ***"Mr. Trump Alone Can Order A Nuclear Strike. Congress Can Change That."*** The New York Times (10/11, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) editorializes, "The broad

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debate over President Trump's fitness for the difficult and demanding office he holds has recently been reframed in a more pointed and urgent way: Does he understand, and can he responsibly manage, the most destructive nuclear arsenal on earth?" The Times writes that "Congress has been sufficiently alarmed to consider legislation that would bar the president from launching a first nuclear strike without a declaration of war by Congress," which is "a sound idea [that] could be made stronger with a requirement that the secretaries of defense and state also approve any such decision."

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WASHINGTON POST. ***"The Culture Of Complicity Protecting Harvey Weinsteins Everywhere."*** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) says that while "the details of Mr. Weinstein's actions are grotesque enough," the "fact that his systematic abuse of power seems to have been an open secret" is "just as shocking." The Post laments the "complicity" that "protects many Harvey Weinsteins in many industries," and says the stories from Weinstein's alleged victims "make clear the crucial role that those in positions of responsibility must play by denouncing misconduct when they see it and demanding accountability, rather than remaining quietly complicit."

"The EPA Rips Up The Clean Power Plan." In an editorial, Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) criticizes EPA Administrator Pruitt's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan and argues that the rule's elimination not only bypasses the fact that many, including the Supreme Court, had viewed the policy as legal, but also likely will lead to much fewer limits on carbon emissions. The Post describes Pruitt's approach as "anti-scientific," "ideological," and "a betrayal of his office."

"Trump's Cabinet Can't Seem To Stop Taking Private Planes." In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/11, 10.38M) criticizes Trump Cabinet members for what the Post describes as private travel at "exorbitant expense to taxpayers." The Post particularly criticizes Interior Secretary Zinke for "spending $12,375 on a charter flight from Las Vegas, where he spoke at the behest of a political patron, to his home state of Montana in June." The Post adds that Energy Secretary Perry, Veterans Affairs Secretary Shulkin, and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin "are among at least seven Cabinet-level officials who have shunned the plebeian confines of readily available commercial planes in favor of private jets and military flights at public expense, sometimes to smart destinations in Europe and sometimes accompanied by their spouses – all at a total cost of millions of dollars."

WALL STREET JOURNAL. ***"An Air Traffic Winner."*** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that House Republicans' current plan to convert Federal Aviation Administration air-traffic control into an operation run by airlines, pilots, controllers, and other industry experts would help improve both the economy and travelers' experience. The Journal argues that Republicans should seize the opportunity to pass the legislation while they have a President who wants reform as part of his infrastructure improvement plan.

"Senate Blue Slip Bluster." A Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial praises Senate Majority Leader McConnell's decision to move forward on judicial nominees even if home-state Democratic senators don't return the so-called 'blue slips' to the Judiciary Committee, arguing that Minority Leader Schumer is using the "blue slip" process, which is a courtesy, for political purposes.

"The Boy-Girl Scouts Of America." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/11, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that the Boy Scouts of America's decision to allow girls to join the

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organization in the future represented a compromise that prevents total gender integration in the group while addressing growing pressure to allow girls to join and the BSA's flagging membership. The Journal says the question remains as to if the decision will satisfy the progressive movement's concerns about gender differences, but concludes by expressing hope that BSA will succeed in its new policy.

The Big Picture:

HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

Wall Street Journal:
President To Ease Health Insurance Rules
Beijing Pushes For A Direct Hand In China's Big Tech Firms
Russia Has Turned Kaspersky Software Into Tool For Spying
Junk Bond Boom Reaches Far Corners Of The World

New York Times:
Trump's Tough Talk On NAFTA Suggests Pact's Demise Is Imminent
Foiled In Congress, Trump Moves On His Own To Undermine Obamacare
Rohingya Recount Atrocities: "They Threw My Baby Into A Fire"
Weinstein Company Was Aware Of Payoffs In 2015
Boy Scouts Will Accept Girls, In Bid To "Shape The Next Generation Of Leaders"
The Girl In The No. 8 Jersey
Raining Ash And No Rest: Firefighters Struggle To Contain California Wildfires

Washington Post:
Boy Scouts, In Historic Move, Will Accept Girls
Puerto Rico's Misery Drags On
Trump Amps Up Threats On Press
President Trump's Loyal Whisperer
Fears Grow Of Wildfires Merging In California
Charity Privately Paid Roy Moore

Financial Times:
Kobe Steel Shares Plunge As Scandal Widens
Spanish Prime Minister Demands Clarity On Catalan Independence
Peltz's P&G Loss Unlikely To Stop Activist Investing Tide
Trump Administration Hits Out At IMF Over Tax Reforms
Washington Times:
Military Heats Up Battle In Libya As Islamic State Militants Seek Refuge
D.C. Officials Defend Gun Laws, Look To Further Tighten Concealed-Carry Rules
Trump Sells Tax Plan In Pennsylvania: "Rocket Fuel For Our Economy"
As Boy Scouts Welcome Girls, Rival Group Sees Expansion Of "War On Boys"
California Wildfires Expected To Worsen In Coming Days: State's "Biggest, Most Serious" Event
"Disgusted" Obamas Were Star-Struck By Hollywood Mogul Weinstein's Access, Cash

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: West Coast Wildfires; West Coast Wildfires-Firefighting; West Coast Wildfires-Tracking; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; Las Vegas Shooting Investigation; Trump-US Nuclear Arsenal; Trump-Homeland Security Secretary Pick; Trump-Tax Reform; Louisiana State University-Hazing; Seattle-Gun Fire Exchange; Utah-Nurse Arrest Outcome; Boy Scout-Girl Members; West Coast Wildfires-Aftermath.
CBS: West Coast Wildfires; West Coast Wildfires-Affected Families; Las Vegas Shooting Investigation; Trump-US Nuclear Arsenal; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; Louisiana State University-Hazing; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Boy Scout-Girl Members; Hurricane Season Record; Chicago-Soda Tax Rollback; Utah Foster Family; Retired K-9 Dog.

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NBC: West Coast Wildfires; West Coast Wildfires-Affected Families; Trump-US Nuclear Arsenal; Louisiana State University-Hazing; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; Las Vegas Shooting Investigation; Niger-US Casualty Investigation; Trump-Iran Nuclear Deal; Boy Scout-Girl Members; Utah-Nurse Arrest Outcome; Chicago-Soda Tax Rollback; Lost Dog Found; Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery.

Network TV At A Glance:
West Coast Wildfires – 15 minutes, 35 seconds
Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal – 7 minutes, 30 seconds
Las Vegas Shooting Investigation – 5 minutes, 40 seconds
Trump-US Nuclear Arsenal – 5 minutes, 20 seconds
Boy Scout-Girl Members – 3 minutes, 40 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Las Vegas Shooting Investigation; West Coast Wildfires; NAFTA Renegotiation; Boy Scout-Girl Members; Wall Street News.
CBS: West Coast Wildfires; Trump-NFL Kneeling; Niger-US Casualty Investigation; Louisiana State University-Hazing; Falcon 9 Launch.
FOX: West Coast Wildfires; Emergency Aid Budget; Trump-Tax Reform.
NPR: West Coast Wildfires; Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery; Trump-US Nuclear Arsenal; Trump-Tax Reform.

Last Laughs:

LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

Jimmy Kimmel: "The big story out of the BET show was Eminem launching a five-minute freestyle attack on Donald Trump. It was very well done. He found a way to rhyme the word 'orange,' which previously had been thought impossible."

Jimmy Kimmel: "According to the story in Vanity Fair, John Kelly is miserable in his job, only staying in it out of a sense of duty to keep Trump from making a disastrous decision. But publicly, they say he's very happy. Sure he is, you can see how happy he is right there. He always looks like he's in one of those 'Wanna Get Away' Southwest Airlines commercials."

Stephen Colbert: "Over the summer, Trump met with top military officials and said he wanted a nearly ten-fold increase in the US nuclear arsenal. A ten-fold increase? Excuse me while I one-fold into the fetal position. He knows we can already end all life on Earth, right? The cockroaches will survive, which is good news for Steve Bannon."

Stephen Colbert: "Speaking of staffing issues, last night, around 9:00, Trump tweeted, 'The fake news is at it again, this time trying to hurt one of the finest people I know, General John Kelly, by saying he will soon be..... fired. This story is totally made up by the dishonest media. The chief is doing a fantastic job for me and, more importantly, for the USA!' Yes, very important you clear up that John Kelly works for the USA, because so much of Trump's staff works for Russia."

James Corden: "An article today revealed that during a national security meeting last summer, Donald Trump said that he wanted to increase the number of America's nuclear weapons by ten fold. Trump would have gone higher than ten fold, but he ran out of fingers to count them on."

James Corden: "Eminem's lyrics were politically charged. He defended the NFL players who have been kneeling during the national anthem, and later Donald Trump responded with his own rap that went, 'Will the NFL players please stand up, please stand up, please stand up.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Trump said it's disgusting that the press is able to write whatever it wants to write. When asked about the First Amendment, he said, 'Is that the one that says not to talk about

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fight club?'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Last night at the BET awards, Eminem did a four-minute freestyle rap criticizing Trump. ... Trump was mad, but he was also a little confused. Today, he told people to boycott the M&M store."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump this morning tweeted, quote, 'With all the fake news coming out of NBC and the networks, at what point is it appropriate to challenge their license?' You're coming after NBC? They didn't take our license after that monkey hospital show, they're not going to take it for you."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump said today, quote, 'It's frankly disgusting the way the press is able to write whatever they want to write, and people should look into it.' Hey man, are you having trouble reading the First Amendment?"

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Good Morning,

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"In most cases when a child enters the United States illegally without a parent or guardian, by law the minor is placed into the care and custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement at HHS' Administration for Children and Families. At that point, our paramount concern is the child's safety and well-being. While the child is in our custody, our goal is to provide food, shelter and care to her under federal statute. In this specific case, we are providing excellent care to the adolescent girl and her unborn child, who remain under our care until the mother's release."

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You're welcome Scott.

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Thank you, Lydia.

Scott

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Good evening all,

Just wanted to provide an update on the media queries received regarding the ACLU vs. HHS litigation today.

Vice News
Courthouse News Service
BuzzFeed
Washington Times
Telemundo
Los Angeles and San Francisco Journal

OC is working with ASPA and is preparing a statement to provide to the press at this time.

I will update you as more information becomes available.

Thanks,
Lydia

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Child Care

Murray stumps for child care: Senator visits Hadlock center to hear about cost

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray visited the Cedarbrook Early Learning Center in Port Hadlock to talk with parents and child care providers to publicize a bill she has introduced, the Child Care for Working Families Act.

Peninsula Daily News, WA
Oct. 12, 2017

If we don't speak up for our youngest children their development will be compromised

Three weeks ago, Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) shared her bold vision for what a nation committed to all young children could look like by introducing The Child Care for Working Families Act. Supported by 27 senators and endorsed by over 100 organizations serving children and families, The Child Care for Working Families Act addresses the massive child care crisis in our nation head on.

Opinion
The Hill, DC
Oct. 11, 2017

Children, Youth & Families

After growing up in 20 foster homes, St. Louis woman brings music to kids who've had a rough start

Barrier now offers the same experience to kids in foster care or who've been adopted after living tumultuous environments. Her 1-year-old organization has taken dozens of St. Louis children and their families to musicals at the Fox Theatre and The Muny.

KBIA, MO
Oct. 12, 2017

Universities need to help foster kids get a degree

The neglect foster kids face — whether with their foster or biological families — makes it difficult for them to "develop the brain connections that facilitate language and vocabulary

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development, and therefore may impair communication skills," according to a journal article in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
Opinion
University of Maryland Diamondback, MD
Oct. 12, 2017

Councilor challenges state contract with religious organization to recruit foster parents
A $100,000 contract for a faith-based initiative by Bethany Christian Services of Candia to recruit foster and adoptive families was approved by the Executive Council on Wednesday, despite opposition from Democratic Councilor Andru Volinsky of Concord, who questioned if the group would serve gay foster or adoptive parents.
Manchester Union Leader, NH
Oct. 11, 2017

For Kansas foster care task force, report of missing children latest concern
The number of children in foster care nationwide increased every year from 2012 to 2015, the last year for which national data is available. Thirty-five states, including Kansas, saw an increase in the number of children in their foster care systems during that period.
KCUR, MO
Oct.12, 2017

Wide receiver stands out during his sophomore campaign *(featuring ACF)*
Starting at the age of seven, Gladney began living in group homes in the Binghamton, New York, area. He bounced around quite a bit, which can be common in foster care, unable to land somewhere permanent. According to data from the Administration of Children and Families, at the federal Department of Health and Human Services, children have, on average, three different foster care placements.
Ithacan , NY
Oct.11, 2017

Help! Government kidnapped my child! *(featuring ACF)*
According to statistical data published by the federal Department of Health and Human Services in 2012, Child Protective Services (CPS) checked up on 3.2 million children, though only 686,000 were reported as abused or neglected — meaning that 2.5 million children have been declared non-victims. Since the early years of its creation, the scope of CPS' powers has grown, and it has usurped an immense amount of the natural and God-given right of parents to rear their children.
Opinion
New American, WI
Oct. 11, 2017

Child Support

Halbert Sullivan is 2017 nonprofit executive of the year
While in his master's program, two women approached him with the idea for starting the Fathers' Support Center, which promotes the father's involvement in their children's lives through intensive job training, group therapy, community service and parenting workshops.

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Since its inception in 1997, the center has served more than 14,000 fathers and their families, transitioning nonparticipating fathers to a position of involvement in the lives of over 40,000 children.
St. Louis American, MO
Oct. 12, 2017

Child support guidelines may change to factor in wage hike
Arizona court officials may tweak state guidelines for determining child support obligations to take into account a voter-approved increase in the minimum wage. Officials say not making a change to reflect the higher minimum wage could require low-income workers to pay a higher percentage of their earnings in child support.
Associated Press, AZ
Oct. 11, 2017

Head Start

JCPS leaders said they won't tolerate alleged abuse of students in Head Start program *(featuring ACF)*
Seven teachers and assistants within JCPS have been fired since a report was released from the Administration for Children and Families in August alleging children were slapped, threatened and thrown in a closet. On Tuesday night, board members discussed that report, which details 23 incidents that happened in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs in several JCPS schools last year.
WDRB, KY
Oct. 10, 2017

Report alleges abuse inside JCPS Head Start program *(featuring ACF)*
A recent investigation found incidents of Jefferson County Public Schools Head Start teachers and assistants hitting, biting, force-feeding and throwing children. The Director of the National Head Start program has threatened to suspend JCPS.
WLKY, KY
Oct. 11, 2017

Federal official threatens to suspend JCPS Head Start program over abuse allegations *(featuring ACF)*
A top federal official said Washington is ready to suspend the Jefferson County Public Schools Head Start program, if necessary, because of ongoing allegations of abuse. Ann Lineham, Acting Director of the national Head Start program, met personally with JCPS administrators and Board members Tuesday, and accused them of not doing enough to protect its youngest and most vulnerable students.
WAVE, KY
Oct. 11, 2017

JCPS fires seven after federal report details neglect, abuse of students *(featuring ACF)*

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Jefferson County Public Schools has fired seven employees after a report from a federal agency listed 13 incidents in which staff abused or neglected children. The incidents were reported by parents or JCPS staffers between Dec. 1, 2016 and May 18 at 10 JPCS sites.
Insider Louisville, KY
Oct. 11, 2017

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Refugee Resettlement

U.S. resettles fewer refugees, even as global number of displaced people grows *(featuring ACF)*
Compared with those seeking refuge on Europe's shores, the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program is a different pathway for those fleeing conflict. For example, the more than 1.3 million refugees entering Europe in 2015 were asylum seekers, not resettled refugees. They sought refuge in Europe on their own after arriving in Europe and were not formally resettled by European countries. They will wait for decisions on their asylum applications while living in Europe.
Opinion
Pew Research Center, DC
Oct. 12, 2017

Number of refugees coming to the U.S. falling fast under Trump, study shows *(featuring ACF)*
The Christie administration last year told the federal government that New Jersey would no longer will participate in refugee resettlement programs, leaving it up to nonprofit groups and churches.
Newark Star-Ledger, NJ
Oct. 12, 2017

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Trafficking

US closes trucking firm tied to smuggling case
Federal safety regulators have shut down a troubled Iowa trucking company that owned the semitrailer involved in a human trafficking case in which 10 immigrants died in Texas.
Associated Press, IA
Oct. 12, 2017

Human trafficking is still a problem in D.C. area
The International Labour Organization estimates that there are more than 20.9 million victims of human trafficking worldwide. More than half of all victims are women and girls, with 26 percent of all cases being children. Locally, 2,563 people have been reported missing in the District in 2017 alone, according to statistics released by the Metropolitan Police Department on Sept. 29. Of these, 1,637 were children, some who may be victims of human trafficking rings.
Opinion
Afro, MD
Oct. 12, 2017

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Unaccompanied Alien Children

Judge won't order officials to allow abortion for immigrant *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge in San Francisco said Wednesday that the government cannot prevent a pregnant 17-year-old at a Texas facility for unaccompanied immigrant children from getting an abortion, but declined to issue an order that would bar federal officials from interfering in the girl's access to the procedure. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said the legal challenge on behalf of the girl by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California was not filed in the right court.
Associated Press, TX
Oct. 12, 2017

Judge refuses to step in to immigrant's abortion controversy *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge Wednesday declined to make the federal government stop blocking a detained 17-year-old immigrant from getting an abortion, despite finding "no justification" for restricting her rights. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler rejected the ACLU's request for a restraining order as moot, finding the claims of an unaccompanied immigrant minor at a shelter in Texas were too unrelated to the lawsuit already filed in Beeler's court.
Courthouse News Service, SF
Oct. 12, 2017

Judge refuses to hear case on teenage illegal immigrant who wants an abortion*(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge in California refused to hear a case slated for Wednesday deciding whether the state of Texas must help a teenage illegal immigrant obtain an abortion. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said she couldn't hear the case because the girl — who remains anonymous for privacy reasons — is in Texas rather than the state of California. A judge in another state does not have jurisdiction to rule on the case she said.
Daily Caller, DC
Oct. 12, 2017

Texas backs Trump agency in holding undocumented abortion-seeking minor 'hostage' *(featuring ACF)*
Attorney General Ken Paxton declared in a court brief this week in support of the Trump administration's decision to prevent an undocumented minor from obtaining abortion in the state that Texas "must not become a sanctuary state for abortions." Paxton led six other states, including Louisiana and Oklahoma, in defending ORR in a court brief. However, the feds are legally required to provide unaccompanied minors with basic necessities, such as housing and medical care, including family planning services and abortion.
Austin Chronicle, TX
Oct. 12, 2017

Judge says feds have no right to block undocumented minor's abortion — but won't stop them *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge has declined to stop the government from blocking a teenage girl living in Texas from getting a legal abortion. The 17-year-old girl is an undocumented immigrant currently in the care of the federal government, since she travelled to the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor,

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meaning she is entitled to U.S. health care. But, while U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said she found "no justification" for the government restricting Doe's right to an abortion, she said the issue is out of her hands.
San Antonio Current, TX
Oct. 12, 2017

Undocumented teen's abortion delayed by CA ruling *(featuring ACF)*
A U.S. magistrate judge in San Francisco refused Wednesday to order federal officials to allow an abortion for an undocumented pregnant 17-year-old who is being held in a government-funded shelter in Texas and who wants the procedure. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler said the case was too remote from the Northern California federal court district for her to take action. Beeler also said in a written ruling that the federal officials were not entitled to obstruct Jane Doe from obtaining an abortion. "The government may not want to facilitate abortion, but it cannot block it. It is doing that here," Beeler wrote.
California Patch, CA
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An immigrant minor in Texas is being denied an abortion because of this cruel Trump policy *(featuring ACF)*
While living in a government-funded immigration center in Texas, an immigrant minor was denied an abortion, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. The young woman entered the United States undocumented at the age of 17 and is now under the legal custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Despite obtaining a judicial waiver required by the state to obtain an abortion, she has been unable to obtain access to a clinic.
Bustle, NY
Oct. 12, 2017

Judge won't reverse Trump admin block on abortions for undocumented teen girls *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge refused Wednesday to step into a Texas abortion case involving a shelter that is encouraging a 17-year-old immigrant to choose life for her unborn baby, instead of abortion. On Wednesday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler refused to grant the pro-abortion legal group's request, saying the restraining order should be filed in a different court and as a separate case to one that the ACLU filed earlier this year, according to the AP. While Beeler said the matter was not for her to decide, she also said she thinks there is "no justification" for preventing the girl from getting an abortion.
Life News, DC
Oct. 12, 2017

Judge denies ACLU effort to release immigrant girl from custody to get abortion *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge on Wednesday declined to force the federal government to release a pregnant girl from a refugee shelter so that she can get an abortion, saying the decision didn't belong in her court. But in her ruling, U.S. District Judge Laurel Beeler expressed concern that the Trump administration is blocking access to abortion for migrant girls in federal custody.
Reveal/The Center for Investigative Reporting, CA

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Judge throws out suit filed by unaccompanied minor seeking abortion *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge threw out a suit Wednesday from an unaccompanied minor from Central America who sued the Trump administration for denying her access to an abortion during her detention in a federally funded immigration facility in Texas. In the ruling, the judge noted that the Trump administration can't legally prevent unaccompanied minors from getting abortions. But because the plaintiff was in Texas, the judge held, her case shouldn't have been heard in California, where it had been joined with another federal case challenging religious-affiliated detention centers denying abortions, according to the ACLU.
Vice News, NY
Oct. 11, 2017

Undocumented teen's request to have an abortion in Texas dismissed by federal judge *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge dismissed a request Wednesday for an undocumented teen to have an abortion in Texas, but her advocates say the fight is not over. The organization requested a temporary restraining order to force the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to either transport Doe or allow her to be taken to an abortion clinic for her procedure. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler denied the request, saying that because Doe is not from the Northern California district, it's not the correct venue for the decision.
Dallas Morning News, TX
Oct. 11, 2017

Court won't hear case of undocumented teenager seeking abortion access *(featuring ACF)*
A federal court has refused to hear the case of a pregnant 17-year-old undocumented immigrant at the center of a legal dispute over whether unaccompanied immigrant minors have the right to an abortion in the United States. The California judge denied the request, arguing that she couldn't hear Doe's case because Doe is in Texas. However, the judge did say that "the government has no business blocking Jane Doe's abortion."
Texas Tribune, TX
October 11, 2017

The latest: Judge won't order officials to allow abortion *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge won't order federal officials to allow a pregnant 17-year-old being held in a Texas facility for unaccompanied immigrant children to get an abortion. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler ruled Wednesday that the legal challenge on behalf of the girl by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California was not filed in the right court.
Associated Press, DC
Oct. 11, 2017

Judge won't order officials to allow abortion *(featuring ACF)*
A federal judge in California says she doesn't understand why federal officials don't step aside and allow a pregnant 17-year-old being held in a Texas facility for unaccompanied immigrant children to get an abortion. U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler also said Wednesday during a

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hearing in San Francisco that she didn't think the legal challenge on behalf of the girl by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California belonged in her courtroom.
Daily Journal, CA
Oct. 11, 2017

Court denies request to release undocumented teen from Texas facility for an abortion *(featuring ACF)*
A federal court denied a request Wednesday from attorneys advocating on behalf of a pregnant minor in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Brownsville. The teenager is being prevented from getting an abortion because of a Trump administration policy that bars unaccompanied immigrant minors from accessing them. The court, which is in Northern California, said it couldn't grant the request because the teen is in Texas. In its ruling, however, it said "the government may not want to facilitate an abortion, but it cannot block it."
KERA, TX
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ACLU sues Trump administration to force government to provide abortions for illegal immigrant minors *(featuring ACF)*
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) added the case of an unaccompanied minor, who came into the U.S. illegally and is not being given abortion access by the government, to their June lawsuit against the federal government for awarding grant money to religious organizations, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that help unaccompanied minors but won't refer them for abortions.
Townhall, CA
Oct. 11, 2017

Immigrant minor held 'hostage' by Texas because she wants abortion care *(featuring ACF)*
An unaccompanied immigrant minor at a Texas shelter is being prevented from accessing abortion care by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the federal agency overseeing migrant youth crossing the U.S.-Mexico border without a guardian. Officials are both refusing her transportation to the medical facility and refusing to allow her to leave the shelter with her guardian for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. ORR is supposed to provide transportation to minors when they need to go to court or see a doctor.
Rewire, MD
Oct. 11, 2017

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Texas can't become 'sanctuary state for abortions,' Paxton tells court *(featuring ACF)*
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Tuesday urged a federal court in San Francisco to say that women in the United States illegally do not have a right to abortion services. Paxton filed a brief in an existing case, which includes an undocumented minor in Texas seeking an abortion, arguing that the "Constitution does not confer on Jane Doe the right to an abortion."
El Paso Times, TX
October 10, 2017

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Thanks Ken. Beat me to it.

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Here is the reconciled/final statement from last evening, attributable to the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services –

"In most cases when a child enters the United States illegally without a parent or guardian, by law the minor is placed into the care and custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement at HHS' Administration for Children and Families. At that point, our paramount concern is the child's safety and well-being. While the child is in our custody, our goal is to provide food, shelter and care to her under federal statute. In this specific case, we are providing excellent care to the adolescent girl and her unborn child, who remain under our care until the mother's release."

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Please ensure that I am included on emails related to the UAC case currently at issue in TX.

E.g., I don't think I have received the final ACF-prepared statement.

Thank you,
Maggie

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I have attached the litigation update.

UAC litigation. In *ACLU v Price*, on 10/5 the ACLU filed a Motion to Amend/Correct their complaint and a First Motion for Temporary Restraining Order related to ORR family planning practices arising out of Texas. On 10/11, the court denied both motions, but denied the TRO without prejudice to Jane Doe's asserting her claims in a different lawsuit. In *Gomez*, on 10/6, the defendants filed several documents in support of their Motions to Dismiss.

Refugee litigation. In *Indiana*, on 10/10 the court granted Indiana's motion for extension of time to file a reply (reply due by 10/18). In *Oregon*, on 10/6 the court granted Federal defendants' motion for extension of time to file response/reply regarding their motion to dismiss.

UAC bond hearings.

- There are currently 21 outstanding bond hearing requests. Of these:
  - 7 hearings are currently scheduled:
    - 1 hearing in the Arlington, VA
    - 6 hearings in the New York, NY court
  - 3 motions have been filed in San Antonio, TX (awaiting scheduling notices)
  - 1 motion filed by ORR was rejected by the San Francisco court; ORR will re-file
- Since last week:
  - There have been no bond hearings.
  - 1 UAC withdrew his bond hearing request.
- **To date there have been:**
  - 8 IJ decisions. In all cases the judges agreed with ORR.
  - 18 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests
  - 10 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., because they were subsequently reunified with a sponsor, were ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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Subject:	RE: New lawsuit
Date:	2017/10/13 17:38:02
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hi, Scott. Have you heard from Steve on this since 3:59? I want to be sure he is on board before moving forward.

From: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Subject: RE: New lawsuit

Steve/Brian – if you concur, the best route would be for (b)(5) (b)(5) for the Associated Press.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Pilato, Anna (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Subject: RE: New lawsuit

I concur—thank you.

From: Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Subject: Re: New lawsuit

I think that's a good idea. If we don't get a quick response we reach out to Charmaine

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On: 13 October 2017 16:55, "Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)" <kenneth.wolfe@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: RE: New lawsuit

(b)(5)

Thank you,
Scott

From: Marriott, Brian (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Wagner, Steven (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: Re: New lawsuit

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Brian

On: 13 October 2017 16:24, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

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From: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: RE: New lawsuit

Here is the new Associated Press article, following an interview with attorney Rochelle Garza:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/immigrant-teens-advocates-us-pushing-anti-abortion-agenda/2017/10/13/b1d1b9f4-b03e-11e7-9b93-b97043e57a22_story.html

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Immigrant teen's advocates: US pushing anti-abortion agenda

By Nomaan Merchant | Associated Press

HOUSTON — Shortly after taking over the U.S. government office that oversees facilities for unaccompanied immigrant children, Scott Lloyd told a subordinate what to do with a teenager who wanted an abortion.

Facilities under HHS "should not be supporting abortion services pre or post-release," but rather "life-affirming options counseling," Lloyd wrote in an email. And the person seeking an abortion "should not be meeting with an attorney regarding her termination" or seeking a waiver exempting her from a state requirement that minors get a parent's consent, he wrote in another.

The apparent new policy is being put to the test, as lawyers have gone to court to try to force the government to allow a 17-year-old Central American being held at a Texas facility to get an abortion. They accuse the Trump administration of trying to stop any immigrant teens in government custody from terminating a pregnancy.

"She's being used as a pawn," Rochelle Garza, a lawyer appointed to represent the interests of the teen, told The Associated Press on

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Thursday. She declined to give her client's name and native country due to privacy concerns.

The teen is as much as 14 weeks pregnant in a state that bans most abortions after the 20th week and she's feeling hopeless, Garza said. On Wednesday, a federal judge in San Francisco said the government can't prevent the teen from getting an abortion, but she said the case was filed in the wrong jurisdiction and declined to order the government not to interfere with the teen's abortion access. Garza and the other lawyers, including some from the American Civil Liberties Union, filed a new complaint Friday in federal district court in Washington, D.C.

The ACLU included Lloyd's emails in a filing in the case against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees facilities for children who arrive in the U.S. on their own.

HHS didn't respond to questions about whether it has a formal policy restricting immigrants in its care from seeking abortions. But last month, it issued a draft of its department-wide strategic plan for 2018 to 2022 that defines its mission as "serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception."

The agency also didn't reply to detailed questions about the emails, many of which had large portions blacked out. It has roughly 5,000 children currently in custody, though it did not say how many are pregnant. It did issue a statement Wednesday saying it is "providing excellent care to the adolescent girl and her unborn child, who remain under our care until the mother's release."

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Lloyd became director of HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement in March after working for the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic group that opposes abortion. In an email dated March 14, Lloyd followed up on a visit with a pregnant teenager living at a facility for unaccompanied children. He asked for the shelter to meet her requests for bananas and soup, and to give her a more comfortable mattress.

"Please have her clinician keep a close eye on her," Lloyd wrote. "As I've said, often these girls start to regret abortion, and if this comes up, we need to connect her with resources for psychological and/or religious counseling."

He also offered to connect the teen with "a few good families" who would "see her through her pregnancy."

In a March 24 email, Lloyd said a girl who was pregnant should be offered "spiritual counseling" or taken for an ultrasound to a crisis pregnancy center. Such facilities seek to discourage women from having abortions.

"She should not be meeting with an attorney regarding her termination or otherwise pursuing judicial bypass at this point," Lloyd said.

Susan Hays, legal director of Jane's Due Process, which helps pregnant minors in Texas to get abortions, accused HHS of being "turned over to ideological extremists who want to use the power of the federal government to impose their religion on everyone else."

Hays, whose group is working with the 17-year-old now seeking an abortion, said another teen earlier this year obtained the judicial

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bypass required by Texas law and began a medication abortion, which is administered by pills taken on two successive days.

The first pill was administered on a Friday, but before the second pill could be given Saturday, HHS ordered the facility holding the teen not to let her have it, Hays said. Starting but not completing the abortion could have put the teenager's life at risk.

After Hays and others intervened and threatened to go to court, the teen was allowed to complete the abortion that Sunday, she said.

"That is a dystopian future for teenage girls who are forced to do that, and that's what ORR is doing today," Hays said.

Garza said she is wrongly being denied access to her client, even though she has been appointed a guardian under the law and obtained a judicial bypass order.

The teen will turn 18 before her pregnancy would reach full term, which could lead to her being transferred to an adult detention facility run by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Garza said she fears the teen will be forced to have the child in adult detention or deported back to Central America, where she witnessed her parents beat a sister who was pregnant.

"It's going to get to the point where there aren't more options, and then what's going to happen?" Garza said.

From: Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: RE: New lawsuit

I concur. Thanks

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From: Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Marriott, Brian (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF); Pilato, Anna (ACF)
Subject: New lawsuit

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From: "Haron, Judith (HHS/OGC)" <Judith.Haron@HHS.GOV>
Subject:
Date: 13 October 2017 16:41
To: "Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)" <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>, "Suh, Victor (HHS/OGC) (ACF) (CTR)" <Victor.Suh@acf.hhs.gov>, "Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)" <Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov>
Cc: "Woolford, Llewellyn (HHS/OGC)" <Llewellyn.Woolford@HHS.GOV>

Here is the full filing today. You will see there are exhibits from the discovery, including ORR emails .

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From:	(b)(6) @iestex.org>
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Subject:	Brief Update IES LF SHELTER RE: State Court hearing
Date:	2017/10/13 19:49:09
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Good Evening Mr. Lloyd,

I am writing to provide a brief update, as previously discussed, UAC has informed her Clinician and Case Manager that she wishes to make contact with her mother in home country. Several attempts were made but were unsuccessful, this afternoon assigned Case Manager (b)(6) (b)(6) was able to reach one of minor's brother whom stated his mother was at home and he was at school and could not talk at the moment, therefore at the request of UAC assigned Case Manager attempted to reach UAC's mother and was successful. Case Manager introduced herself to minor's mother and then handed the call to the UAC, minor spoke to her mother for approximately 15 minutes and there were no identified issues or concerns during the call. UAC's affect was flat however she demonstrated no emotional distress and appeared to be engaged in a constructive conversation with her mother.

Following conversation with her mother, UAC inquired about the possibility of reunifying with her brother Jose (21 years of age) whom recently arrived in the United States, UAC was informed care provider has attempted to reach out to her sibling however efforts have been unsuccessful, but UAC was reassured Case Manager would continue efforts to identify a viable sponsor. UAC is scheduled to make contact with mother twice a week, her next call is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2017.

Please note, at this time there are no additional updates to report, should any issues or concerns arise I will be sure to keep you posted, thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

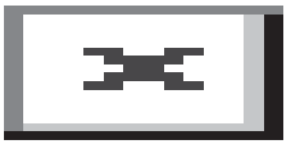
P.S. APD and myself will be attending a Texas Administrator's conference next week and will be away from the program from Monday 10/16-Wed 10/18, however, I will be available via cell phone (text) and will have limited access to review and respond to emails in a timely manner, therefore if there is a pressing matter please call me directly or text me and I will most definitely be available to respond to you. In addition, (b)(6) (b)(6) are fully aware of details of this case and will be of service as needed, therefore I will have them assist as necessary.

(b)(6)

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) [mailto:Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:45 PM
To: (b)(6) @iestex.org>
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF) <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov>; Brooks, Teresa (ACF) <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

Received thank you

On: 12 October 2017 17:25, (b)(6) @iestex.org> wrote:
Hello Mr. Lloyd, I apologize for my delay in responding to your email, I was in a meeting with program management team. Mrs. Lowenberg's contact information can be found below, please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns, thank you

Cristina Lowenberg
915-834-5736
Cristina.lowenberg@hhsc.state.tx.us

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) [mailto:Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:46 PM
To: (b)(6) @iestex.org>
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF) <Jonathan.White@ACF.hhs.gov>; Brooks, Teresa (ACF) <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

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(b)(6)

Sorry for the delay: do you have the contact information for Mrs. Lowenberg?

Thank you,
Scott

From: (b)(6) @iestex.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

Good Afternoon Mr. Lloyd,

I am writing to touch base with you regarding information requested by Texas residential licensing official, may I move forward with providing a copy of ORR memo and summary of case? Mrs. Lowenberg is expecting to hear from me and therefore I would like to acknowledge her request by providing her an update on the matter, if ORR determines it is best NOT to share the ORR Memo (Mar 21 2008) "Medical Services Requiring Heightened ORR Involvement", I can move forward you're your authorization of course and provide a simple synopsis of UAC's placement and status of her placement and request to terminate, please advise and thank you in advance, I will wait to hear from you, thank you again for your continued support and guidance.

(b)(6)

From (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:33 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

Thank you, received and have a restful evening Sir.

Jessica

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:30 PM
To (b)(6)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

I see now-- I defer to the program's judgment on whether monitoring is advisable in this situation given the allegations of abuse.

On: 11 October 2017 23:19, (b)(6) @iestex.org> wrote:

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Thank you so much for this, I wanted to be sure to inquire regarding phone call with mother because of allegations of abuse noted in legal proceedings and SIR.

Just to provide brief clarification as I hope my previous message did not imply some sort of infringement on UAC . As you know, at time UAC in care allege abuse, neglect or mistreatment at the hands of previous caretakers then ask to speak to same individuals, in these cases, we may take temporary precautionary measures (with proper approval and after staffing with all involved stakeholders) not explicitly addressed in ORR policy...it is more along the lines of ensuring that the persons that have contact with UAC in these cases are not known/alleged perpetrators of abuse/mistreatment. Therefore, arrangements can be made for UAC to be brought to the clinical office or case management office (private office) and either the assigned Clinician or assigned Case Manager is in the room while the UAC speaks with person on phone (not on speaker, UAC sits on one end of office and staff continue working while UAC conducts phone call). This allows CM or CL to monitor UAC''s demeanor and ensure that nature and tone of call is appropriate and not affecting UAC in a negative manner, this can also be done from outside the room the UAC remains in line of sight but the staff will not overhear any portion of the discussion. Please rest assured we will adhere to all governing policies and ensure ORR remains informed of all information related to the case of this minor.

I will ensure program proceeds as directed, UAC will be granted telephone call with her mother as requested, again I appreciate your patience and guidance!!! Will standby for further guidance on other matters.

(b)(6)

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:22 PM
To (b)(6)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

(b)(6) thank you for the update.
se reason.

I will address your other questions after double- checking.

Thank you,
Scott

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On: 11 October 2017 21:54, (b)(6) @iestex.org> wrote:

Good Evening,

Please be advised that UAC attended follow-up appointment with Obstetrician (b)(6) (b)(6) at RGV Women's Health Center on Monday, October 9th, 2017.

UAC was accompanied by program's Medical Coordinator (b)(6) on this visit . Hours prior to departing from program, Medical Coordinato (b)(6) met with UAC to discuss follow-up appointment to ensure her understanding and obtain UAC's consent to attend. Medical Coordinator informed the UAC that the purpose of visit was to inquire about the possibility of obtaining medial clearance for UAC to increase physical activity in order to partake in light to moderate group dance exercise. UAC stated she understood and verbally consented to attending scheduled follow-up appointment with OB/GYN. Previously UAC requested care provider seek medical clearance from OB in order for her to partake in "Zumba", UAC was having difficulty adjusting to medical restrictions and verbally requested restrictions be reviewed and reconsidered by OB/GYN. However, as previously stated, (b)(6) issued the following "UAC must remain no NO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY until further notice. NO SWIMMING, NO RUNNING, NO ZUMBA, NO DANCING, NO STRENUOUS EXERCISE. UAC MAY take BRISK WALKS. "

Medical Coordinator informed program administration that (b)(6) also informed UAC of lab results (drawn on 9/11/17) returned within normal limits and that ZIKA test (conducted on 9/11/17) had returned "Negative". NO ultrasound or sonogram was completed during visit on 10/9/17.

To conclude the visit on 10/9/17, (b)(6) and his Nurse, informed UAC that during the first trimester between 11-14 weeks gestation (UAC is currently 14 weeks) it is recommended that ALL pregnant females undergo "1st Trimester NT (nuchal translucency screening)" (b)(6) explained to UAC in the presence of his nurse and program Medical Coordinator that the screening involves undergoing an ultrasound to screen for fluid build-up in the fetuses upper spine/neck to detect cardiovascular abnormalities, Down Syndrome and other abnormalities in the fetus. UAC was given the opportunity to ask questions and/or voice concerns. UAC stated she understood the information provided to her, stated she had no concerns or questions and voiced agreement and verbally consented to the screening/procedure. The nurse informed UAC and Medical Coordinator that the UAC would be referred to Driscoll Maternal and Fetal Medicine with (b)(6) for 1st Trimester Screen (NT Screen). (b)(6) explained she would provide specialty appointment time and date prior to UAC departing from medical office.

On 10/9/17 (b)(6) confirmed specialty appointment for 10/11/2017 at 2:30PM. Please be note, UAC agreed to 1st Trimester Screen (NT Screen) during

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medical visit with OB/GYN on 10/09/17 and also issued consent to screening during inital OB visit on 09/11/2017.

On 10/11/17, UAC attended speciality appointment at Driscoll Maternal Fetal Medicine for the sole purpose of undergoing 1st Trimester NT screening (Nuchal translucensy screening). UAC was accompanied by Medical Coordinator (b)(6). UAC consented to screening and was informed results would be reviewed with her at during next OB/GYN appointment with (b)(6) (b)(6) she stated she understood and denied having any questions or concerns. Following the NT screening/scan, labwork was conducted as part of the NT screening. UAC was offerred the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns, she denied having any questions or concerns.

Please note that NT (nuchal translucency) is a standard first trimester screening (11-14 weeks gestation) that all pregnant females undergo it is considered a stanadard screening during prenatal care, more specifically any and all UAC in care undergo this screening as recommended by OB/GYN. Please be reminded that OB/GYN has not been informed of legal proceedings invovling this UAC and/or her request to terminate preganancy. Care provider is still pending guidance from ORR/OGC on this matter, we will NOT inform medical provider unless authorized to do so by ORR.

On a seperate note, please be advised that UAC continues to request to make telephone contact with her mother in home country, she issued request yesterday 10/10 and today 10/11. At this time we are pending response from ORR and/or OGC as to whether the UAC may make contact with her mother and whether telephone contact must be monitored by care provider.

Finally, please be advised that I was contacted by Regional Supervisor of Residential Child Care Liscencing (Cristina Lowenberg) regarding this UAC and the increasing media coverage, specifically article publised on 10/11/17 in the Texas Standard https://www.texastribune.org/2017/10/10/undocumented-teenager-seeks-court-authorization-abortion-after-federal Mrs. Lowenberg explained that residential liscencing understands that the nature of this situation is critical and delicate, she explained that liscensing is responsible for ensuring we are NOT forcing any child in care to undergo pregnancy termination, however RCCL also has the duty to ensure the health, safety and overall well-being of all children in care at liscenced residential facilities. Mrs. Lowenberg has requested that I provide a detailed synopsis of this UAC and legal proceedings surrounding her request to terminiate pregnancy. The purpose of her request is to ensure her office is prepared to respond to any formal inquiries regarding the placment and care minor is recieveing in our residential facility. My plan is to issue liscensing a brief biographical/historical summary of the minor and her family, reunification status and mary of legal proceedings up to this point. Mrs. Lowenberg specifically requested ORR policy on this matter, however I understand that specific polciy on this matter is not available therefore, I wanted to touch base with you to inquire about the possibility of sharing the ORR official Memo (Mar 21 2008) "Medical Services Requiring Heightened ORR Involvement", please advise.

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Please do not hesitate to cotnact me should you have any questions or concerns, I will wait for further guidance on these matters, thank you!!

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 12:48 PM/17
To: Jessica Martinez
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

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Regarding the appointment today:

Make sure that the UAC knows that this is to get an update on whether it is really necessary to have her exercise so severely restricted—to find out if it might be possible to allow her to do more. Please get her to consent to the appointment. If she does not want it, she does not have to go—we arranged it to accommodate her distress over lack of physical activity. This was a concern she voiced to the program and that we noticed in her record. We are trying to be responsive to her concerns with this request.

If they offer her a sonogram at the appointment, please remind the doctor that she has already had two and suggest that it is not necessary, and that it should not happen in any case if she does not give consent.

Regarding your other questions—if she has a counseling session today, please contact me. If not, let's wait for DOJ's response.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Scott

From: (b)(6) [mailto (b)(6) @iestex.org]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: White, Jonathan (ACF); Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Subject: Fw: State Court hearing

Good Morning Mr. Lloyd,

I am writing to request further guidance regarding the following, I realize now I may have missed the opportunity to ask these questions to Mr. Wagner (AUSA) during our debriefing and i apologize for that but the following matters have arise and I am in need of guidance...

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- • Since the "Jane Doe Due Process" case has been transferred to federal court, does any portion of the previously issued state court restraining order remain in place?? Such as the stipulations prohibiting care provider from
    - • "Disturbing the peace of the child Petitioner" ...this was explained to us by UAC's attorneys as all care provider staff must refrain from speaking with UAC about her pregnancy, "her baby", or her "decision to terminate"examples provided by attorneys were
        - • No sonograms
        - • No forcing UAC to listen to baby's heart rate
        - • No referring to UAC's baby or seeking discussion or making comments about her gestational period, her pregancy expectations, her feelings, etc...
        - • No "encouraging" her to discuss or make contact with her parents
        - • No "religion based" counseling regarding
    - • Care provider must refrain from "Making remarks to child petitioner's family that concern petitioner's pregnancy"....
    - • "Discussing any litigation concerning the child Petitioner in the presence or within hearing of the child Petitioner or on any form of social media"

- • UAC has a OB/GYN appointment for basic prenatal care with (b)(6) this afternoon at 2:30p.m. (CST), please note that OB (b)(6) is not aware UAC has requeted to terminate preganancy, (b)(6) is not aware of current litigation regarding the case of this minor, is care provider to discuss these matters directly with (b)(6) ?? Should the child be informed that care provider will discuss her request to terminate and current litigation with OB?
- • If UAC attends this prenatal care appointment, is the doctor to proceed with sonogram ???
- • Is child allowed to contact parents?? Her parents are named in the suit as "inflicting abuse on minor" is UAC able to make contact despite this claim" If UAC requests to make contact with mother/father is care provider to allow contact, if allowed is all contact to be monitored or may the UAC make contact with out monitoring?

Please advise, thank you so much in advance for your guidance!

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Brooks, Teresa (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: RE: State Court hearing

Teresa,

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Many thanks for your work on this, and thank you for the update. I was very much reassured to know that you would be present this morning.

Barring any additional need to wrap things up with IES, please return to the rest of your day off. Let us know if you need anything—I am sure things will continue throughout the week.

Sincerely,
Scott

From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

Please be advised that at approximately 8:35 am CT, the Cameron County Judge, attorneys from Garza and Garza, who are/were representing the UAC at the State level, the UAC, and Mr. Paxton Warner, AUSA from the DOJ met in the Judge's chambers in a closed proceeding. Mr. Lucio, attorney for the IES staff, was also in chambers, as an observer to the proceeding as he has clients who have been affected by the legal process of the matter. DHS ICE ERO Officer, (b)(6) was present at the Courthouse, outside of the courtroom and chambers. I was asked to wait immediately outside of the Judge's chambers.

During the discussion in chambers, Mr. Warner left chambers to inquire as to if the UAC had been "forced" to speak to her parents. I advised that the UAC had been afforded the right to speak to either or both of her parents since arriving into ORR custody, but to my awareness had not chosen to do so to date. It should be noted that the IES program did obtain a contact number for the UAC's father as the UAC had stated that she wished to speak to him at one time. Mr. Warner also asked if the IES program could provide the UAC could be provided with a new case manager as the UAC has stated that the current case manager was not effectively managing the UAC's case. (This is presumed to be referring to a possible family reunification case. At this time, it is my understanding that no viable sponsor has been identified for the UAC.) I informed Mr. Warner that IES would identify an appropriate case manager to assume oversight of the UAC's case. Finally, Mr. Warner stated that the attorneys for the UAC were concerned that an IES staff member was always within a visual "line of sight" of the UAC and the attorneys felt that this was not allowing the client sufficient privacy. I explained to Mr. Warner, that in accordance to TDFPS licensing standards, the attorneys are not considered trained child care providers, and in order to maintain standards of care, the staff needed to maintain sight of the UAC, but were not in able to hear/overhear any confidential attorney- client communication.

Mr. Warner took the information back to chambers. When Mr. Warner returned he advised that the UAC should be returned to her placement at the IES shelter program in Los Fresnos, TX. Mr. Warner stated that the case, in its entirety, had been moved to a Federal court venue. Mr. Warner advised that the attorneys from Garza and Garza would continue to represent the UAC in the case.

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Mr. Lucio conferred with the IES staff, whom he was representing today. Mr. Warner thanked the IES staff for their efforts in caring for this UAC and all of the UAC that IES cares for.

All parties were advised that they/we were free to leave the courthouse. I thanked the DHS ICE ERO Officer for her support, and instructed IES to transport the UAC back to the program site. All parties exited the courthouse at approximately 9:45 am CT.

Please advise as to if there are any questions or if additional information is needed regarding this message.

Teresa

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On: 08 October 2017 18:58, "Brooks, Teresa (ACF)" <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov> wrote:

Please see the attached with regard to the request to DHS ICE ERO for the presence of a DHS ICE ERO Officer at the 107th District Court in Cameron County Texas on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Please advise as to if there are any questions concerning the DHS ICE ERO request or response.

Please be advised that, to remain in compliance with Texas Department of Family Protective Services Residential Child Care Licensing Standards, appropriate IES staff will be transporting the UAC from the IES Shelter Program to the Courthouse building. Additional IES staff who are required to be present at the District Court will arrive to the Courthouse apart from the UAC. I will be meeting with all of the IES staff and with the DHS ICE ERO Officer, either immediately outside of the Court building, or in the lobby of the building. We will then proceed to the identified area of the Courthouse.

Please advise of any additional instruction as is felt appropriate.

Sincerely,

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From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Jessica Martinez
Cc: Wagner, Steven (ACF); Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC); Haas, Alex (CIV)
Subject: Re: State Court hearing

I can be at the Courthouse at 8:30 am CT as requested.

I can attempt to reach Officer (b)(6) who is the covering Officer for the FOJC now to see if there is an ICE Officer who is able to be present at the Court tomorrow morning.

I will update all appropriate parties of outcome of the contact with ICE.

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On: 08 October 2017 16:46, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Please see below. There should be no hearing tomorrow. However, there is need to have the UAC brought to the courthouse at the time appointed, to avoid contempt while we confirm that the state court knows the case has been removed. Teresa I'd like you there if at all possible, or field staff in the alternative. I will ask that DOJ contact us if they receive confirmation and this becomes unnecessary.

Teresa, are you in contact with anyone from DHS (ICE seems most appropriate) who could ride along? If you need help I can help get someone.

If she goes to the courthouse the point would be to inform them that the case has been removed. There should be no transfer of custody and federal law enforcement could help us reinforce that point.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Scott

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Begin Forwarded Message:
From: "Haas, Alex (CIV)" <Alex.Haas@usdoj.gov>
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Date: 08 October 2017 17:25
To: "Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)" <Matthew.Bowman@hhs.gov>, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: "Ricketts, Jennifer D (CIV)" <Jennifer.D.Ricketts@usdoj.gov>, "Hu, Daniel (USATXS)" <Daniel.Hu@usdoj.gov>, "Warner, Paxton (USATXS)" <Paxton.Warner@usdoj.gov>, "Fabian, Sarah B (CIV)" <Sarah.B.Fabian@usdoj.gov>

Matt/Scott,

Our colleagues from the USAO just filed the removal papers in federal court and also filed a notice electronically in state court. While this should be enough to deprive the state court of jurisdiction, we are also sending a AUSA to hand a copy to the judge as well.

Because the state court order is directed to individuals working at IES who could still be held in contempt (potentially), our strong recommendation would be for the minor to be sent with the federal field specialist to the court proceeding. With that federal officer there and the AUSA we think there is a very small likelihood of any shenanigans. You could also potentially ask someone from ICE or CBP to attend to the transport.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss

Alex

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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On: 13 October 2017 22:01, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:

I don't know, but I think not.

On: 13 October 2017 21:47, "Wagner, Steven (ACF)" <Steven.Wagner@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
Scott, are you (b)(5)

On: 13 October 2017 19:30, "Lloyd, Scott (ACF)" <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov> wrote:
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From: Wagner, Steven (ACF)
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 7:24 PM
To: Marriott, Brian (ACF); Wolfe, Kenneth (ACF); Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
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The Acting Assistant Secretary has requested that each office prepare a spend plan for FY 2018. There will be a meeting scheduled with each office to present these plans. In these meetings, Office Directors should be prepared to identify top priorities for FY 2018, how they propose to align funding to meet objectives, and how they will measure success. The discussion will be organized by activity type following the attached template – grants, contracts, other – and will include how the office will use resources (including staffing) made available through the central Federal Administration account.

All plans are due to Bill O'Rourke (william.orourke@acf.hhs.gov) on my staff by close of business on Wednesday, October 25.

IOAS will be reaching out to set up meetings after that date. OLAB will also be offering meetings early next week to answer any questions you or your staff may have and this will be on the agenda for the next Senior Leadership meeting.

If you have any questions, please let Bill O'Rourke or me know.

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Leading the News

CMS Unveils New Guidance To Help States Fight Opioid Epidemic.

The Hill (6/11, Roubein, 2.71M) reports that on Monday, CMS unveiled "guidance aimed at helping states leverage Medicaid to combat the opioid epidemic." The article says "the guidance focused on information related to covering services for infants born exposed to opioids and how to enhance federal funding for telemedicine and programs that keep tabs on patients' prescriptions." HHS Secretary Alex Azar stated, "The number of American infants born dependent on opioids each day is heartbreaking. ... Today's announcement reflects the Trump Administration and HHS's commitment to helping states use Medicaid to support treatment for this condition and other challenges produced by our country's crisis of opioid addiction."

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Fierce Healthcare (6/11, Stankiewicz, 146K) reports that the new guidance "includes summaries of different treatment modalities, including hospital and home-based services, as well as ways Medicaid can support parents with substance abuse disorder." The agency "said states can create bundled rates for such services, instead of the traditional fee-for-service model." Tim Hill, acting director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, is quoted as saying, "Through discussions with states, we have recognized their growing challenge in providing treatment services to the expanding number of infants with NAS [neonatal abstinence syndrome]. ... We have also recognized that states may not be fully aware of available options under Medicaid that can play a critical role in the care of these infants, as well as the limitations on Medicaid coverage."

Healthcare Finance News (6/11, Morse, 93K) reports that so far, "CMS has approved substance use disorder related section 1115 demonstration projects in Louisiana, West Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Utah, Illinois, and Vermont to improve access to treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries." The article adds that Hill also said, "By leveraging and improving the technological capabilities of state Medicaid programs, we are providing Medicaid agencies, providers, and patients with the tools they need to improve health outcomes associated with addiction."

Health Exec (6/11, Leider) also covers the story.

CMS Says States Can Use Federal Funding To Make IT Improvements To

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Better Address Opioid Crisis.

Fierce Healthcare (6/11, Sweeney, 146K) reports, "Federal funding is available to state Medicaid programs to enhance the use of technology to help states manage the opioid crisis, according to new guidance from" CMS. According to the agency, a lot of "funding is already available through existing legislation." CMS is also urging "Medicaid program directors to use telehealth and telepsychiatry to coordinate care for patients with substance abuse disorder." Tim Hill, acting director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, told Medicaid directors that "CMS doesn't need to approve telehealth coverage changes for opioid treatment unless the state elects to cover telehealth encounters differently than in-person visits."

Trump's Decision Not To Defend The ACA Could Be A Boon To Dems During The Midterms.

On its website, CNN (6/8, Merica, 82.6M) reports that the Trump Administration's move to refuse "to defend key provisions of the Affordable Care Act could deal Democrats a sizable win going into the midterm elections, handing a party already prepared to run on health care a cudgel to use against vulnerable Republicans." Several polls show voters consider healthcare the top issue in the midterms, "and Democratic candidates have responded by making it the cornerstone of their attacks on Republicans." The article adds that last week, the Administration "clearly outlined" its stance "on key – and popular – provisions in the Affordable Care Act, telling a court that the law should be invalidated and that the individual mandate is unconstitutional." The Justice Department also argued "in favor of invalidating protections for" people with pre-existing conditions.

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Fortune (6/11, Mukherjee, 3.91M) reports that the Administration's decision "could wind up being a political gift to Democrats in the 2018 mid-term elections, as it targets one of Obamacare's single most popular provisions." The article says the Administration is hoping the "courts will ultimately dismantle these Obamacare tenets," and its support of this suit against the ACA is an effort to hasten the process. However, "it could prove a political land mine (and boon to Democrats) going into the 2018 mid-term elections, if polling and recent campaigns are any indication."

Politico (6/11, Diamond, 3.51M) reports that over the weekend, Democrats "seized" on the Administration's "move to revive their charge that the GOP can't be trusted to protect Americans' health insurance." Meanwhile, "few congressional Republicans rushed to defend the administration's move, instead emphasizing their support for preserving pre-existing condition protections."

The Daily Intelligencer (NY) (6/11, Levitz, 551K) reports that the Administration move is against the GOP's "political interests." The article says "Democratic consultants are cheering" the Administration's decision. The piece adds that Democrats' "No. 1 strategic objective has been to force health care to the front of voters' minds – both to exploit the party's advantage on that issue, and to undermine public support for the Trump tax cuts by reminding voters that the GOP always intended to pay for its regressive giveaway with cuts to Medicaid and Obamacare."

Kaiser Health News (6/11, Bartolone) reports that on Friday, California

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Attorney General Xavier Becerra vowed "to redouble his efforts as the Affordable Care Act's leading defender, saying attacks by the Trump Administration threaten health care for millions of Americans." He argued that the Administration's decision is, "simply put, an attack on the health care that millions of Americans have come to count on, and California, being the most successful state in implementing the Affordable Care Act, stands to lose perhaps more than anyone else."

Commentary.

Contributor Bruce Japsen writes in a Forbes (6/11, 10.34M) piece that physicians' groups "are once again rallying to the defense of the Affordable Care Act after the U.S. Justice Department filed a brief that doesn't defend the law's popular protections for patients with preexisting conditions." During "the American Medical Association annual meeting this week, doctors are discussing numerous ways to protect patients, updating its lobbying agenda to include ways to support the ACA." Japsen says groups such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Psychiatric Association also criticized the Administration, saying, "The elimination of these protections could result in millions of people facing limited access to health care coverage and higher cost as a result of insurers being allowed to return to discriminatory coverage and pricing practices."

Sarah Kliff writes in a Vox (6/11, 1.66M) piece that President Trump and the GOP are so intent on "killing Obamacare they've decided, just months before the midterm elections, to take aim at the most popular part of the law: coverage for preexisting conditions." Kliff says the suit "is, in some ways, a perplexing move mere months before midterm elections. Polling finds that both Democrats and Republicans think it's a good idea to ensure that sick people have access to health insurance."

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Yuval Rosenberg writes in the Fiscal Times (6/11, 7K) that the Trump Administration's decision to not defend the ACA is "political dynamite" because polls show the protections for pre-existing conditions are popular and may affect as many as 52 million non-elderly Americans. Rosenberg adds, "Democrats, who have already been hammering a health care message, are pouncing at the new opportunity."

The Secretary in the News

Azar To Testify About Drug Prices Before Senate Panel Today.

In a news roundup, Politico (6/11, Pittman, 3.51M) reports HHS Secretary Alex Azar on Tuesday "will defend the Trump administration's plan to lower the cost of medicines" before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Politico reports lawmakers are expected to "to try to pin down Azar on aspects that were lacking when the administration rolled out its blueprint last month," noting that "Inside Health Policy reported last week the administration would soon announce that drug companies will lower their asking price on insulin."

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The C-SPAN Video Library (6/12, 28K) posts a feed for Secretary Azar's scheduled testimony before the HELP Committee.

Trump Administration Meeting With Pharmaceutical Companies To Seek Voluntary Price Cuts.

The Hill (6/11, Sullivan, 2.71M) reports officials from the Department of Health and Human Services have been meeting with pharmaceutical companies to "seek voluntary cuts in drug prices." The Hill adds, "Voluntary cuts in prices would allow the administration to immediately tout benefits of President Trump's drug pricing plan, which was announced last month, rather than having to wait for any regulatory actions to be put forward and take effect." An HHS spokesperson said Monday when asked for comment, "We are working with stakeholders across the spectrum including drug companies, [pharmacy benefit managers], distributors, patients, health care professionals, physicians, insurers, etc., to respond to President Trump's call to action and help patients pay less for their prescription drugs." HHS Secretary Alex Azar hinted at such talks last month, saying, "We look forward to working with industry to build a better drug-pricing system."

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Opinion: Trump Can Use Patent Law To Slash Prices For Naloxone.

In an op-ed for the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M), Public Citizen president Robert Weissman and Baltimore City Health Commissioner Leana Wen write that since President Trump declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency, "he and his administration have yet to take the steps that would help those fighting the epidemic on the front lines." Weissman and Wen call on the President to "use existing legal authority to slash prices for the lifesaving drug naloxone...and for its easy-to-use, patented delivery devices." They note that during the post-Sept. 11 anthrax scare, "amid public debate about employing government-use authority, then-Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson demanded that the ciprofloxacin patent holder, Bayer, match the price of generic makers." They argue that the Administration "can choose to lower prices and save lives" or "perpetuate the rationing of lifesaving treatments."

Donna Shalala Expresses Support For Single-Payer System Similar To The One Advocated By Bernie Sanders.

Colby Itkowitz writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Power Post" blog that during her tenure as HHS Secretary under President Clinton, "Donna Shalala fended off accusations that she was too liberal for the job. Now, as a candidate for Congress in a competitive Democratic primary, the former secretary must dust off her old progressive bona fides." In the past, Shalala insisted that a single-payer system was not feasible. Now, however, "Shalala says she supports universal health care under a Bernie Sanders-style system that isn't too

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different than 'Medicare for All.'"

HHS in the News

White House Wants HHS To Delay Issuing Final Rule On Religious, Moral Beliefs.

Modern Healthcare (6/11, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reports that the White House wants HHS to delay issuing a final "rule that will require hospitals and physician practices to create standards and procedures to protect their employees' religious and moral beliefs until it can elaborate how the policy will affect the industry." The department "received more than 72,000 comments on the rulemaking before the March deadline," and it "is still drafting a final version of the rule, but proactively asked the Office of Management and Budget to allow it to confirm that providers were both complying with the rule and notifying staff and patients of their rights." The article says OMB denied HHS requests because the department "did not provide industry comments on how these changes would affect their business," and it failed to "provide OMB with adequate estimates of the time it would take providers to implement the rule."

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Columnists Say Healthcare Will Be The Focus Of The Midterms Given Administration's Decision Not To Defend The ACA.

Former Acting CMS Administrator Andy Slavitt and Nicholas Bagley, a law professor at the University of Michigan and a former Justice Department attorney, write in a USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) column that President Trump and the GOP "just put America's health care squarely on the November ballot." Following their failure to repeal the ACA, "the Trump administration, in cahoots with 20 conservative states, has asked the courts to strike down several pillars of the ACA – including its protections for Americans with pre-existing health conditions." Slavitt and Bagley add, "Nothing has defined the domestic agenda over the 18 months like health care. It's only fitting that it will define the election too."

Healthcare Groups Want CMS To Improve Reimbursement For Remote Patient Monitoring.

mHealth Intelligence (6/11, Wicklund) reports that on Monday, nearly 50 healthcare organizations and vendors which "are lobbying the Centers for Medicare &Medicaid Services to improve reimbursement opportunities for remote patient monitoring" wrote to CMS Administrator Seema Verma. The groups want "CMS to modify and add

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Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that would enable Medicare reimbursement of mobile health programs that collect patient-generated health data in the home."

Trump Administration Immigration Policy Examined.

Vox (6/11, Lind, 1.66M) features an article which explains the Trump Administration's immigration policy. Vox examines how the government is separating families at the border, how many families are being separated, the policy behind the separations, and what happens to the children. The piece says that under federal law, "unaccompanied alien children are sent into the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The ORR is responsible for identifying and screening the nearest relative or family friend living in the US to whom the child can be released."

Opinion: Trump Administration's "Zero Tolerance" Policy Is "Cruel And Un-American."

Arizona Republic (6/11, 1.21M) columnist EJ Montini writes that the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy "is cruel and un-American," and discusses the many children being separated from their parents at the border. Montini says, "After the cruelty of the current policy got some public attention, Homeland Security is said to have established a hotline through which confused, despairing arrested parents might be able to locate their children. Perhaps the department could set up another hotline to help the administration locate its

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humanity."

Opinion: Trump's Immigration Policy Is "Completely Impractical."

Dyana Mason, Assistant Professor of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon, writes in the Conversation (US) (6/11, 98K) that many of the immigrant children being "deliberately" separated from their parents at the border "are under the age of 4 and are infants." Mason adds, "When I researched this largely hidden aspect of immigration policy, I found little evidence that this patchwork system can absorb what promises to be an influx of thousands more children. And I have no doubt that forcibly separating kids from their families is completely impractical and bound to make a bad situation worse."

Column: Redirecting Family Planning Funds Could Undercut STD Fight.

Michelle Andrews writes for the Washington Post (6/12, 15.68M) that a Trump Administration effort to shift family planning funding "could cripple other federal efforts to curb an explosion in sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), some public health officials fear." The Department of Health and Human Services has proposed changes to Title X rules that, "if adopted in their current form, would require that Title X services be physically and financially separate from abortion services" and could push some medical practice to "choose not to prescribe birth control pills or other Food and Drug Administration-approved methods of

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contraception."

Whistleblower Lawsuit Against Signature Healthcare Reveals $244 Million Fraud.

The Tennessean (6/11, Kelman, 513K) reports on a whistleblower lawsuit filed against Signature Healthcare in which the provider was accused "of artificially inflating therapy time to maximize profits." The lawsuit "prompted Signature to sign a $30 million settlement to resolve the claims," but federal prosecutors in that settlement "say the total fraud was much larger – about $244 million." The piece quotes HHS Office of Inspector General special agent Derrick L. Jackson as saying, "Signature was charged with illegally boosting profits by providing excessive amounts of therapy to patients whether they needed it or not. ... The decision to provide therapy should never be based on corporate financial considerations rather than a patient's medical needs."

HHS Seeking Public Comment About How To Set Up A Workgroup To Encourage Innovation, Investment In Healthcare.

In continuing coverage, ExecutiveGov (6/11, Crews) reports that HHS is seeking "comments on how to structure a workgroup to facilitate high-level discussions between HHS leaders and outside parties that support

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innovation or invest in the healthcare sector." A notice posted in the Federal Register last week said HHS intends "to create a workgroup to explore technological approaches to address healthcare challenges and drive communication activities meant to encourage industry competition."

Many American Toddlers Exceed Recommended Added Sugar Intake For Adults, Study Suggests.

USA Today (6/11, Carrig, 11.4M) reports a study by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests toddlers are consuming too much added sugar, with many actually exceeding adult recommendations. Investigators said that consuming foods with added sugar at such an early age can affect food preferences later in life. Lead study author Kirsten Herrick, a nutritional epidemiologist at the CDC, said, "Once kids start eating table food, they're often eating the same types of foods that Mom and Dad have in their diet, and other research has demonstrated that adults exceed recommendations for added sugar too."

Newsweek (6/11, 2.18M) reports the study suggests "99% of children aged between 19 to 23 months eat over seven teaspoons of added sugar each day on average." Also, results indicate that non-Hispanic black children aged between 12 to 23 months ate the most sugar, "while white children ate the least." Researchers analyzed "data from more than 800 infants and toddlers, aged between six and 23 months old, who took part in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey between 2011 and 2014." The findings were presented "at

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Nutrition 2018, the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition held in Boston."

CDC Data Reveal Severity Of Latest Flu Season.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/11, Daly, 507K) reports new data from the CDC show that this past flu season killed 172 children – "one more than the high set in 2012-13." According to the CDC, "about 80 percent of this season's pediatric deaths were in children who had not received a flu shot," the piece says, adding that local health officials experienced high rates of flu cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

The Scientist (6/11, Charuchandra, 153K) reports Daniel Jernigan, head of the CDC's flu division, said the flu season was "bad across the population" and that it "was happening to everyone, and it seemed to be happening everywhere."

Ebola Vaccines Could Signal Hope In Congo As Outbreak Continues.

The AP (6/11, Mednick, Neergaard) reports health workers tackling the

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Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo are offering a vaccine to impacted and at-risk populations, drawing international attention as onlookers wait "to see if a promising but still experimental vaccine might help stop this terrifying disease faster than traditional measures doctors have tried since Ebola was identified 40 years ago." However, even if it is effective, "there are serious hurdles" including logistical issues and gaining community trust. The article quotes CDC Ebola expert Dr. Pierre Rollin as saying, "People die every day and everywhere but nobody's interested. Suddenly because of Ebola people are interested and that makes you suspicious. ... Why would they trust us?"

STAT (6/11, Branswell, 27K) reports some experts "have watched with frustration the snail's pace progress of the efforts to study Ebola drugs during outbreaks," and many "are beginning to wonder if, with the advent of Ebola vaccines, the window for doing this kind of research may be closing for good." The piece says that within the scientific community, "There remain deeply divergent positions...about how to design outbreak trials," noting that "generating the human efficacy data that regulatory agencies like the Food and Drug Administration look for has been almost impossible."

Op-Ed: Trump's Reversal On Ebola Funding Cut Is Welcome News For Disease Prevention, Treatment Efforts.

K. Riva Levinson, president and CEO of KRL International LLC, writes in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) that President Trump has deviated from his 2014 Twitter statements that America "cannot allow EBOLA infected people back" by electing to reinstate the $252 million he had previously rescinded from the International Disaster Assistance account. She says this will help the international community address issues that actors learned from the 2014 Ebola outbreak, during which the National

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Institute of Health assisted in leading response efforts.

Laser Eye Surgery May Be Riskier Than Many People Think, Research Suggests.

The New York Times (6/11, Rabin, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports "roughly 9.5 million Americans have had laser eye surgery, lured by the promise of a quick fix ridding them of nettlesome glasses and contact lenses," but "serious questions remain about both the short- and long-term risks and the complications of this increasingly common procedure." The article highlights a trial conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, the National Eye Institute, and the Navy Refractive Surgery Center finding that "people who did not have dry eyes or visual aberrations before Lasik were at high risk for developing these problems." Research suggests "28 percent of these participants developed dry eyes after surgery, and 45 percent reported a new visual aberration three months after surgery." Dr. Malvina Eydelman, the study's lead author and the director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health's division of ophthalmic and ear, nose and throat devices, "said the researchers had concluded that the multimillion dollar trial was too small to produce meaningful results, and that the purpose of the study had shifted from determining how many patients have problems functioning to developing a questionnaire that might be used in future research."

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Anheuser-Busch Cancels Funding For NIH Alcohol Study.

The Scientist (6/11, Williams, 153K) reports Anheuser-Busch InBev announced on Friday that it no longer plans to assist in funding the National Institutes of Health's "study on the effects of moderate alcohol consumption," withdrawing its $15 million funding commitment. The piece says scientists with the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse, which is leading the $100 million study, "met with industry leaders and 'gave talks strongly suggesting that the study's results would endorse moderate drinking as healthy,'" according to the New York Times. The piece adds that NIH Director Francis Collins "announced that the agency was reviewing the process around funding for the trial and would determine whether it should proceed, and that enrollment had been suspended for the time being."

House To Vote On 34 Opioid Bills This Week.

Congressional Quarterly (6/11, Raman, Subscription Publication) reports that on Tuesday the House "will begin a voting marathon on 34 bills designed to address the opioid epidemic," and while most are unlikely contentious, "two bills have previously stirred controversy." One bill set for a Friday vote "would create a new class on the controlled substances schedule for compounds related to fentanyl" and ease related prosecutions, but critics warn it could justify "broad bans on drugs and hinder drug research." National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow testified in April, "We need to have countermeasures, and the only way that we're going to have countermeasures is [by] doing research." CQ reports that the House will vote Thursday on a bill to help

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prevent the importation of synthetic opioids, but a rival bill in the Senate "would impose stricter requirements on" the US Postal Service and Customs and Border Protection "than the original House bill."

The Washington Times (6/11, Howell, 460K) reports that notable bills include Jessie's Law, which "orders the Health and Human Services Department to come up with best practices for hospitals and physicians to share the information" on consenting patient's record of drug addiction before prescribing treatment.

Boston Globe Highlights Work Of Alzheimer's Disease Researcher Focused On Preclinical Phase.

In an over 2,800 word article, the Boston Globe (6/11, Kendall, 945K) highlights the work of Reisa Sperling, "one of the world's foremost researchers of Alzheimer's disease," who leads Brigham and Women's Hospital's Center for Alzheimer's Research and Treatment. Sperling's work focuses on the preclinical phase of Alzheimer's disease with the aim of better understanding the early stages of the disease "before significant memory problems set in." The article mentions that the National Institute on Aging has awarded a five-year $70 million grant to Sperling and her colleagues to "build a research infrastructure called the Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium, a network of 35 testing sites at academic medical centers across the country." Laurie Ryan, the leader of dementia research at the National Institute on Aging's Division of Neuroscience, said, "This should be a game changer."

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The Chicago Tribune (6/11, Schencker, 2.37M) reports on an interview with Northwestern University research assistant professor Joyce Ho, who discussed the university's role in the All of Us Research Program, noting that the Illinois Precision Medicine Consortium – of which the university is a member – "has received $51 million from the National Institutes of Health to gather data and samples from 93,000 volunteers over the next five years." Ho examined precision medicine's comprehensive approach to analyzing health, how the program will work, and its potential implications for the future of medical treatment.

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Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the fourth interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.
2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.
3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:

    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
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Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 595 pages of responsive records responsive in part to Item 1 above.

Some of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

The exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes predecisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff and contractors about management of ORR programs and/or individual children and sensitive communications between agency staff seeking legal advice and counsel on policy and other matters.

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identity and/or other private information of private individuals and/or the identities of federal employees in sensitive positions and the work cell phones of federal employees. The withheld information also includes the locations of shelters housing vulnerable unaccompanied children and refugee centers. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In particular, disclosing the locations of shelters subject the children to unwanted publicity and harassment. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government.

Sincerely yours,

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House Panel Questions FDA's Efforts To Track Illegal Opioids.

Reuters (6/11, Lynch) reports members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee sent a letter to Food and Drug Administrator Scott Gottlieb questioning whether the agency was "doing enough to stop the flow of illegal drugs" into the US as the nation battles the opioid epidemic. Republican Chairman Greg Walden (OR) and ranking Democrat Frank Pallone (NJ) wrote, "We have concerns about whether the FDA is appropriately devoting its resources to prioritize these efforts against unapproved opioids." FDA spokeswoman Lyndsay Meyer confirmed the agency received the letter and planned to respond.

Experts Describe Federal Efforts To Prevent Foodborne Illnesses.

The Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal (6/11, Robinson, 111K) interviewed federal regulators and food-safety experts and surveyed public health data in an ongoing investigation of foodborne illness. Dr. Stephen

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Ostroff, FDA deputy commissioner for foods, explained that with an outbreak, the task of sourcing breakouts is akin to an incomplete puzzle, saying, "the product that was consumed is no longer available to test and that makes it so much more difficult, even if we can trace it back through supply chain." The article notes that the "FDA conducted about 156,000 food-safety inspections across the country between 2010 and 2017," pointing out labeling gaps and that "insect, bird or vermin contamination was the most common critical deficiency."

Federal Court Bars Mississippi Compounding Pharmacy From Making, Distributing Drugs.

The Jackson (MS) Clarion Ledger (6/11, 287K) reports that the Justice Department announced that a federal court has barred a compounding pharmacy, Delta Pharma Inc in Ridley, Mississippi, and two of its officers from distributing adulterated drugs under a consent decree. The defendants cannot manufacture, hold, or distribute drugs until the FDA notifies them in writing that "they appear to be in compliance with...specific remedial measures." Last year, the FDA uncovered "numerous unsanitary conditions" during an inspection, prompting the legal case.

The Washington Times (6/11, Mordock, 460K) reports the FDA inspectors "noted numerous unsanitary practices including using tubes that may not have been sterilized to process drugs" and "did not take steps to ensure chemicals or particles from the tubes would contaminate the medicines, according to court documents."

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Opioid Crisis

Naloxone Use To Expand Among Police Departments, School Campuses In San Diego County.

The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/7, Hernandez, 664K) reports that "almost all police departments in" San Diego County "intend to supply their officers with naloxone, including the police forces for some universities and colleges," amid "efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths." The article spotlights police departments in San Diego County that have "stocked up on naloxone in the past year," and notes that "the drug is available to school resource officers" at some schools.

Former Sen. Bill Frist Highlights Cigna's Efforts To End Opioid Epidemic.

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In an op-ed in The Tennessean (6/11, 513K), Bill Frist, a former Senate majority leader in Middle Tennessee, states that "private sector health insurers...have a role to play" in ending the opioid epidemic, highlighting Cigna as "a company that is demonstrating real leadership" in this effort. Frist states Cigna "recently announced that it achieved a 25% reduction in opioid use among its customers," and "the gains were achieved through collaboration with 1.1 million prescribing clinicians using an integrated analysis of pharmacy, medical, and mental health benefits to personalize the level of customer care." Frist says that it is also necessary to educate physicians on "non-addictive alternatives to manage pain," change "federal reimbursement rates that incentivize opioid prescribing over non-addictive alternatives," make it easier for people to access and afford addiction rehabilitation and mental health treatment, and facilitate treatment for people who have active addictions.

Mental Illness

Word Choice May Be Indicative Of Depression, Studies Involving Linguistic Analysis Programs Suggest.

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The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Bernstein, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that according to certain linguistic analysis programs, particular words may indicate someone is suffering from depression, based on findings from several studies published in psychological journals.

Prescription Drug Pricing

Drugmaker Reboots Female Libido Drug At Half Price.

Bloomberg News (6/11, Koons, 4.46M) reports Sprout Pharmaceuticals is relaunching its drug, Addyi, the "first-ever" FDA "approved drug for low libido in women," at a price point that is half of what it once was. Bloomberg points out that the price cut is "a rare step" in the industry, as "drugs typically go up in price on an annual basis, sometimes even twice a year." The "prescription carries a boxed warning" that requires women taking Addyi "to sign an agreement acknowledging the risk of drinking while taking the drug."

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Drug Pricing Advocates Condemn Democrats For Supporting Drug Industry.

STAT Plus (6/11, Mershon, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports 50 congressional Democrats endorsed a letter which a drug pricing advocacy group, Patients for Affordable Drugs, claims advances the pharmaceutical industry's "talking points." The advocacy group responded by letter Monday to House Speaker Paul Ryan, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and the 50 Democrats "condemning" their support for changing the "financial liability in the so-called 'donut hole,'" which is one of the industry's "chief lobbying priorities."

Health Care &Insurance Reform

Dems, Who Once Shied Away From Healthcare, Are Hoping The Issue Will Propel Them To Victory In The Midterms.

The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Barabak, 4.03M) reports that for years,

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Democrats have been shying away from the issue of healthcare "as though it were a heap of flaming rubble, which, politically speaking, it was." They lost control of Congress after the ACA was passed. But new polls indicate support for the ACA is "increasing as it becomes more imperiled, and the result has been a political sea change." The article says criticism of "GOP repeal efforts has emboldened Democrats, who think they can seize back the House, dramatically expand coverage and turn healthcare from an albatross to an advantage even in red states like Idaho, with the help of Republicans like Christy Perry."

Trump's Opposition To Parts Of New VA Healthcare Law May Endanger Its Implementation.

Joe Davidson writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Power Post" blog that President Trump said he was "very happy" to sign the VA Mission Act, which seeks to improve veterans' healthcare. Since then, however, Trump has expressed dissatisfaction with portions of the law, and the Administration has "sent Congress a memo outlining objections to proposed funding measures for the new program." According to a top Democrat, these "objections could lead the Department of Veterans Affairs to 'cannibalize itself.'" Davidson adds that the new law includes "sweeping, historic changes," as Trump said, yet "how the job gets done is now open to question because of the signing statement Trump issued after his Rose Garden statement and the administration's opposition to certain funding measures."

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Experts Caution Against Use Of Cheaper Outpatient Surgical Centers.

Dr. Dhruv Khullar and Austin Frakt, director of the Partnered Evidence-Based Policy Resource Center at the VA Boston Healthcare System, write in the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) "The Upshot" blog that while "cost variation across care settings has led policymakers to consider paying more evenly for medical services regardless of where they're delivered, and to shift care from expensive, high-intensity settings to cheaper, low-intensity ones," a study of Medicare hospitalizations "found that almost all patients are more likely to survive at teaching hospitals, which tend to be more expensive." Khullar and Frakt explain that "sometimes more is more." Outpatient surgical centers do not always have the resources and staff needed to handle potential complications, and teaching hospitals have more advanced technologies, "subspecialty expertise, more clinicians involved in care, and greater availability of ancillary services." Additionally, "research suggests that hospitals that spend more and do more may have better patient outcomes and lower mortality rates."

Less Than 10% Of American Adults Get Recommended Preventive Healthcare, Study Indicates.

Reuters (6/11, Lehman) reports that according to a new study surveying nearly 2,800 American adults over age 35, "only 8 percent were getting all of the highly recommended preventive services with the greatest potential for improving health." Reuters explains the survey

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included questions "about the receipt of 15 high-priority preventive services including blood pressure and cholesterol checks, screening for osteoporosis and several cancers, counseling on tobacco use, obesity, alcohol use and depression, plus vaccinations and aspirin use." The study was published online June 4 in Health Affairs.

Cisco, Other Large US Employers Trying To Manage Workers' Health To Control Costs.

Reuters (6/11, Humer) reports that Cisco Systems, Inc. is among "a handful of large American employers who are getting more deeply involved in managing their workers' health instead of looking to insurers to do it." Last year, the company "began offering its employees a plan it negotiated directly with nearby Stanford Health medical system," and a clinic is located at Cisco's San Jose campus. Reuters adds that other large companies, such as Amazon.com Inc., JPMorgan Chase &Co., and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. are "closely watching" whether these efforts pay off.

Opinion: Supreme Court Leaning In Favor Of Pro-Life Cause.

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, writes in an analysis for the Washington Examiner (6/11, 340K) that two recent

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Supreme Court actions "indicate there are winds blowing in favor of the pro-life cause." On May 29, the Court "declined to hear a case that sought to overturn an Arkansas law on chemical abortion" which "requires abortion providers to have contracts with physicians who have hospital admitting privileges." On June 4, "the justices unanimously vacated an order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that had allowed a pregnant, undocumented minor in federal custody to have an abortion back in October."

Midwest Has Fewest Abortion Clinics Per Woman Than Any Other Region, Study Indicates.

The Chicago Tribune (6/7, Lourgas, 2.37M) reports a new study published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research found that the Midwest has fewer abortion clinics than any other region in the United States based on the population of women of child-bearing age. According to the article, "Illinois – often referred to as an oasis for abortion care in the middle of the country – had an estimated 25 clinics, roughly one for every 120,135 women of reproductive age. In neighboring Wisconsin, by comparison, researchers found three facilities providing abortions, about one for every 423,590 women."

Air Ambulance Companies Leave Patients With High Bills.

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Bloomberg News (6/11, Tozzi, 4.46M) reports on the growing size of the air ambulance fleet in the US and the increasing cost of using an air ambulance for medical emergencies. Air ambulance operators believe that because "US government health programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, don't cover their expenses, they must ask others to pay more – and when health plans balk, patients get stuck with the tab." As a result of "favorable treatment under federal law," air-ambulance companies have "few restrictions on what they can charge for their services" and "states have no power to put in place their own curbs." According to the article, Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) has "introduced legislation that would roll back the special status of air-ambulance companies." In addition, the FAA reauthorization bill passed by the House in April "would make medical services provided by air ambulances subject to state regulation."

Commentary Considers Health Reform.

Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

In an editorial, the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) argues that Democrats who hope "to make health care a centerpiece of midterm election campaigns just got a gift from the Trump administration," as the Justice Department has "declined to defend the Affordable Care Act against a lawsuit filed by 20 Republican-led states," and is "arguing for the repeal of enormously popular consumer protections, including coverage of pre-existing conditions." The Times concludes, "Add this latest move to a growing list of similar

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efforts – eliminating the mandate tax penalty to begin with, allowing more short-term plans on the market – and it becomes clear where the administration's priorities lie: not in helping more Americans get good health care, not even in supporting the will of the people, but in dismantling what some political opponents built, just for the sake of doing so."

Catherine Rampell writes in her column in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that "if the GOP really thinks gutting protections for people with preexisting health conditions is good policy, they should pass a damn law." Rampell points out that Republicans passed "literally dozens" of bills repealing the ACA while President Obama was in office, but then they "chickened out" last year "because they feared the blowback from voters." Unable to take such action legislatively, the Trump Administration is attempting to have the courts declare that protections for pre-existing conditions are unconstitutional, she argues. Rampell calls all of the Republican lawmakers who are "keeping their heads down" amid these moves "cowards."

Jennifer Rubin writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Right Turn" blog that after failing to repeal the ACA, President Trump and congressional Republicans "have decided to make it worse and help states get rid of it in the courts." She argues, "As a policy matter, their approach will cause hardship to Americans, especially rural Trump voters; as a political matter, it defies logic." Rubin adds that "everything the Trump administration has done with regard to the ACA is designed to raise prices. Republicans' refusal to reverse these steps will surely be fodder for Democrats in the midterms."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) analyzes the position Republican candidates find themselves in

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after failing to repeal the Affordable Care Act and with premiums expected to rise by double-digit percentage points in the run-up to the midterm elections. The Journal argues that despite finger-pointing by Democrats, the problems stem from the structure of the law itself, not the actions of the Trump Administration or the repeal of the individual mandate.

Michael Hiltzik writes in his Los Angeles Times (6/11, 4.03M) column that legal experts "who pay attention to the courthouse fortunes of the Affordable Care Act could tell something weird and bad was in the wind last Thursday, when three career attorneys at the Department of Justice abruptly withdrew from the team defending the law against a right-wing attack by Texas and 19 other red states." Hiltzik asks, "Just how indefensible does an argument in a government brief have to be to cause all the career litigators...to withdraw?" He says while it may not be unusual for the government to refuse to defend a federal law, "it may be unprecedented for virtually the entire legal team representing the government in a case to withdraw en masse."

Corey R. Lewandowski, who served as a campaign manager to Donald J. Trump, writes in an op-ed for The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) that President Trump "inherited a mess from his predecessors." The biggest issue "is an entitlement time bomb that is soon to explode the national debt. Thankfully, President Trump is up for the task of entitlement reform." Lewandowski adds that a conservative group has recommended that Congress "raise Social Security and Medicare retirement ages to account for increased life expectancies and work capacities; transition to a flat, anti-poverty benefit for future beneficiaries so that the programs do not pay the highest benefits to those with the least need; and reduce the payroll tax to allow individuals to save more on their own for retirement and disability."

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The New York Daily News (6/8, 3.71M) says in an editorial after failing to get Congress to repeal the ACA, the Trump Administration now wants "a judge to undo the rest of the law through the courts." The paper argues, "This is a brazen act of executive overreach. If it succeeds, it will endanger the coverage of thousands of sick Americans."

Contributor Sally Pipes writes in a Forbes (6/11, 10.34M) piece that in 2017, "Canada's single-payer healthcare system forced over 1 million patients to wait for necessary medical treatments." This was a new record. Pipes argues that long, costly "delays are the norm in Canada and other single-payer nations, which ration care to keep costs down. Yet more and more Democratic leaders are pushing for a single-payer system – and more and more voters are clamoring for one."

Charles Wallner, executive director of the Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, writes in a Cincinnati Enquirer (6/11, 246K) op-ed that healthcare access through Medicaid "has been critical in helping Ohioans to enter the workforce and supporting them in their work." The state "should be focused on strengthening residents' connection to the preventive care and treatment that keeps them healthy and connected to the workforce. Instead, Ohio is pursuing a bad idea dressed up as health care reform."

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (6/11) editorializes that in 1992, West Virginia formed a study group to look at allowing anyone to buy into its Public Employees Insurance Agency. The editorial suggests the state should return to the idea once again because it could provide an economical "single-payer health care for everyone." The editorial argues that Republicans in Washington, DC, "aren't interested in fixing this" and the state should address health coverage on its own.

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Human Services News

Experts: Don’t Let Social Security Solvency Fears Affect Claiming Decision.

CNBC (6/11, 4.81M) reports the “Social Security Board of Trustees said the trust funds that help support the system will run out of money in 2034,” but “experts say you should not let fear about the program’s future affect your eventual claiming decision.” They say they expect Congress to act to address that issue, and that retirees and near-retirees are unlikely to be affected. Additionally, if nothing is done, it won’t be good, but it result in payouts of 75 to 80 cents on the dollar, not a complete stop of payments.

Compromise Social Security Reforms Suggested.

Robert Pozen, a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management, in an op-ed in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M), predicts that, “given the intense

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hostility between the parties, they are not likely to agree on a compromise package of reforms before Social Security is on the brink of insolvency" in 2034. Still, Pozen suggests a "compromise package of reforms" that include "a 2 percent surcharge on all earnings above the maximum earnings subject to the payroll tax without raising benefits"; increasing the "normal retirement age to 68 around 2040," indexing to increases in life expectancy; and "in calculating initial benefits at retirement, phase in a formula based on consumer price index growth over a worker's career for the top third of earners, who have other retirement plans subsidized by taxes and corporations."

Social Security Said To Face "Manageable Financing Shortfall."

Alicia H. Munnell writes in a column in MarketWatch (6/11, 1.49M), "The 2018 Social Security Trustees Report, released last week, shows that the program faces a 75-year deficit of 2.84 percent of taxable payrolls – virtually unchanged from last year's projection of 2.83." The deficits are partly due to "a worsening of economic assumptions" and "persistent increases in disability rolls." Munnell concludes, "Social Security faces a manageable financing shortfall over the next 75 years, which should be addressed soon to share the burden more equitably across cohorts, to restore confidence in the nation's major retirement program, and to give people time to adjust to needed changes."

Johns Hopkins Lecturer Calls For Social Security Changes.

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies senior lecturer Jason J. Fichtner, in an op-ed in CQ Roll Call (DC) (6/11, 117K), writes that the Social Security crisis "is already well upon us." He warns, "To ensure that Social Security remains viable for the most vulnerable in our society, policymakers must soon address its severe

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and urgent financial challenges." Fichtner calls for "bipartisan policy solutions," recommending reforms suggested by "an expansive project housed at the Bipartisan Policy Center" that would "improve retirement security and personal savings."

Ryan Making One Last Push To Overhaul TANF, SNAP Before He Retires From Congress.

Congressional Quarterly (6/11, McPherson, Subscription Publication) reports House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) "has spent his 20-year congressional career primarily focused on two issues, taxes and poverty." He "led a major rewrite of the tax code last year, but when he retires at the end of this term he won't have many accomplishments to tout on poverty." The article says "Ryan is spending his final year in office making one last anti-poverty push." That is why the House is mulling "another overhaul to TANF [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families], as well as major changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), otherwise known as food stamps."

Jefferson County Decision To Forfeit Head Start Funding Resulted In The Loss Of Family Advocate Jobs.

The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (6/11, McLaren, 419K) reports that

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after the Jefferson County Public School board in Kentucky voted in late May to abandon its "beleaguered" Head Start program, half a dozen young women walked out of the meeting "out of work, no longer contracted by the district to support preschool students and their families," even after Superintendent Marty Pollio said no jobs would be lost. The positions, known as family advocates, are required by the federal Head Start and Early Head Start programs, both of which serve children from low-income households. According to the article, "though the positions will exist if another organization scoops up the Head Start grant forfeited by JCPS, the women's shock illustrated how many in Jefferson County were caught off-guard by the district's decision to forfeit $15 million in federal grant money and a program that serves the community's most vulnerable kids."

CBP Commissioner Discusses Illegal Border Crossings During Interview.

The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Hennessy-Fiske, 4.03M) runs an interview with US Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan "during his visit to agents in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the epicenter of migration in recent years." McAleenan tells the Times, "We've had consistent levels of apprehensions and inadmissible crossing since March. March and April were pretty much level at 50,000, both between apprehensions between ports of entry at that 36,000-37,000 level, and inadmissibles arriving at ports of entry between 12,000 and 13,000. So we remain day to day at those levels, which presents a number of challenges operationally." McAleenan adds that "it's too early to say what the increased ability to apply consequences for crossing the border illegally – what effect that will have on the traffic coming towards us."

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Louisiana Child Care Program Improved Controls, Auditor Says.

The AP (6/12) says a report issued Monday by Louisiana Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera's office "says the education department has enacted most of the recommendations made by auditors to track spending on the Child Care Assistance Program." A 2012 audit of the program when it was managed by the Department of Children and Family Services identified $46,000 in improper payments, but the education department, "which took control in 2015, trimmed improper payments to about $24,000."

Food &Import Safety

Opinion: Labeling Requirements Drive Up Costs For Consumers.

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Richard Berman, president of the public relations firm Berman and Co., writes for the Washington Times (6/11, 460K) that "the Coalition for Accurate Product Labels reports that in the first half of 2018, 11 states introduced close to three dozen proposals for warning labels or ingredient disclosures that went beyond national standards, and in many cases exceeded the bounds of known evidence." Arguing that labels "have landed us in a regulatory muck of meaningless warnings and unnecessary added costs to businesses, which are inevitably passed on to consumers," Berman denounces San Francisco's 2015 ordinance on labeling of sugar-sweetened beverages, noting that the FDA recognizes that "added sugars can be a part of a healthy dietary pattern."

Tyson To Recall 3,120 Pounds Of Breaded Chicken Over Plastic Contamination.

USA Today (6/11, Price, 11.4M) reports the "U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Friday Tyson must recall 3,120 pounds of frozen breaded chicken tenders." The company informed FSIS on Friday that "the breading of the frozen, uncooked chicken tenders may have been contaminated with foreign material in the form of blue and clear soft plastic," the article says. FSIS classified the health risk as "low."

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Tennessee E. Coli Outbreak Leaves Six Children Hospitalized, Two In Serious Condition.

The Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (6/11, Gosnell, 252K) reports that East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) is still treating six children following a recent E. coli outbreak associated with raw milk and contact with farm animals. "Two of the children are in the pediatric intensive care unit in serious condition, ETCH spokeswoman Erica Estep said Monday." In a Monday update, the Knox County Health Department said, "While it would be rare, it's possible that our community is experiencing two unrelated E. coli clusters at the same time," adding, "The common link among the majority of those who are ill continues to be consumption of raw milk from a local cow-share dairy, French Broad Farm in Knox County."

Arizona Family Awarded $1.95 Million In Foster Farms Salmonella Case.

In a 2,700-word feature, the Arizona Republic (6/11, White, 1.21M) reports Arizona couple Amanda and James Craten were awarded $1.95 million in a lawsuit against Foster Farms over the near-death of toddler Noah, who "was hospitalized in 2013 with an abscess in his brain as a result of a salmonella infection" linked to chicken produced by the farm. The article chronicles the ordeal and describes the likely infection vector.

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Medicaid &CHIP

Ohio Decides Not To Implement Five-Percent Cut To Medicaid Reimbursement For Hospitals.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/11, Hancock, 1.03M) reports that Ohio "has canceled a planned $1.1 billion...Medicaid cut to hospitals, saying an uptick in the economy and reshuffling money in the health care program has prevented the reduction." Officials explained that this was due to the fact that "the number of people enrolled and the amount of money it has cost to cover their health care was lower than state projections." The article says the state had been mulling a five-percent cut to Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals that "treat some 3 million program recipients who qualify based on their incomes, health conditions and disabilities, among other factors."

Nursing Homes, Assisted-Living Facilities Suing Montana Over Medicaid Reimbursement Cuts.

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The AP (6/11, Volz) reports that on Monday, several nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in Montana "sued the state...to halt cuts to their reimbursements for providing care to Medicaid patients, cuts that have caused other Medicaid providers to curtail services or close altogether." The article says that in January, the state Department of Public Health and Human Services reduced "the Medicaid provider reimbursement rates...as part of spending reductions across state government aimed at closing a budget shortfall." The state wants to extend the 2.99-percent cut through the next fiscal year which begins in July, but the facilities "are asking a judge to block the cut, reinstate the 2017 rate and to reimburse them for the approximately $3 million that they have lost since January because of the reduction."

Montana Public Radio (6/11, Yamanaka) reports the Montana Health Care Association and "some of its members" filed the lawsuit. Executive director of the Montana Health Care Association Rose Hughes "said these cuts mean families are being denied services when they seek help from assisted living facilities."

New Hampshire Substance Abuse, Mental Health Treatment Providers Worried About Proposed Cuts To Medicaid Reimbursement.

The Concord (NH) Monitor (6/11, DeWitt, 35K) reports, "Without some action, the state's newly approved Medicaid expansion program could saddle substance abuse and mental health treatment providers with

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lower payouts that could force cuts to staffing and services around January, when the law takes effect, they say." The article says New Hampshire legislators voted last month to extend Medicaid expansion for another five years. These providers are worried because of "a change that was intended as an improvement." The new deal stipulates that "recipients will receive care through managed care organizations – an insurance alternative designed to reduce health care costs." This means the current "daily rate of $300 to $500 per patient would drop to $162.60 a day."

Michigan Governor Signs Bill To Repeal, Replace Tax That Funds Medicaid.

The AP (6/11) reports Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) on Monday "signed into law a plan to repeal and replace Michigan's tax on health insurance claims that is used to help fund Medicaid for low-income residents." The measures "require the state to seek a federal waiver to implement the tax change. The waiver is expected to be approved."

Fate Of Medicaid Expansion In Maine May Depend On Outcome Of November Election For Governor.

Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (6/11, 1.66M) piece that a majority of Maine

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voters approved "Medicaid expansion last November, but it still hasn't happened yet. And it may just be their vote to choose the next governor that finally finishes the job." Scott says Gov. Paul LePage (R), who will soon leave office, has used every means "at his disposal to stop Maine from expanding Medicaid to 70,000 of Maine's poorest residents," despite voters' expressed wish to expand the program. Scott adds that advocates of Medicaid expansion "are pursuing legal action against LePage to force him into implementing it quickly," however, "if courts don't rule in their favor or if the fight drags out, the fate of Medicaid expansion is very much at stake in the fall election."

Health &Medical News

Young Women Get Less Exercise Than Young Men, Study Suggests.

The NPR (6/11, Watson, 3.55M) "Shots" blog provides coverage of a study by researchers at Duke University suggesting that young women, particularly black women, get less exercise than young men, and that women's "exercise rates drop significantly after high school." Offering possible explanations why young women's exercise rates are lower than young men, one researcher not involved with the study said, "I think

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our society culturally sends different messages to young girls in terms of their bodies and how they spend their time... A lot of teen girl socialization is less focused on being physically active together, whether it's teen sports, or pick up games, or even going to the gym." In terms of why black women are affected disproportionately, one study author said, "We know that there is an unequal distribution of things like athletic fields [and] high schools that serve more minority populations are less resourced...I think that's just compounded when people leave the structured school environment." The findings were published in JAMA Pediatrics.

The Washington Times (6/11, Kelly, 460K) reports the study found that "45% of black females age 18 to 24 years reported no physical activity," and that "black females age 25 to 29 reported a little over a half hour of activity per day." Moreover, "White adolescent males were most likely to report any physical activity and younger age, being white, and having a higher income was associated with more time dedicated to exercise." The study authors wrote, "These data highlight opportunities for targeted physical activity programming and policy efforts to reduce the risk for chronic diseases and improve overall health throughout the lifespan."

Additional coverage is provided by The Guardian (UK) (6/11, Davis, 4.03M).

Research Explores Why People Get "Hangry."

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USA Today (6/11, Molina, 11.4M) reports that research published in Emotion suggests "environmental cues and a person's emotional awareness can decide whether someone becomes 'hangry.'"

Newsweek (6/11, Gander, 2.18M) reports that researchers came to this conclusion after conducting "two online experiments on 400 participants."

TIME (6/11, Sifferlin, 19.27M) reports that study co-author Kristen Lindquist said, "Despite the colloquial term 'hanger,' we found that this effect was not specific to anger." Lindquist added, "People in our studies were more likely to feel intense negativity in general when they were hungry and something bad happened – suggesting that feeling hungry can turn up the dial on lots of negative emotions such as anger, stress or disgust." Also covering the story is the NPR (6/11, Chen, 3.55M) "Shots" blog.

Erectile Dysfunction May Be Linked To Increased Risk Of Heart Disease, Study Suggests.

TIME (6/11, Park, 19.27M) reports that research published in Circulation suggests erectile dysfunction may be linked to a higher risk of heart disease. Investigators found that "among a group of 1,900 men aged 60 to 78, those with erectile dysfunction were twice as likely as men without the condition to have a heart attack, stroke, or die of a heart

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problem."

The New York Post (6/11, Gollayan, 4.46M) reports that Michael Blaha, a co-author of the study, said, "The onset of ED should prompt men to seek comprehensive cardiovascular risk evaluation from a preventive cardiologist."

HealthDay (6/11, Mozes, 10K) reports, "The link between impotence and heart disease appears to be 'a two-way street,' Blaha said, given that men who have had a heart attack appear to face a higher risk for ED."

Healthy Lifestyle Associated With Improved Memory In Old Age, Study Indicates.

Xinhua News Agency (CHN) (6/12, 11K) reports on a Finnish study showing that "a healthy lifestyle, including physical exercises, brain stimulants and healthy diet," has the potential to "improve brain health and prevent late-age memory disorders." The investigation, published Monday, examined 1,262 Finns over the age of 60 with an increased risk for memory disorders. "The control group had nearly 30 percent of the increased risk of deteriorating memory functions, while those who received intensive guidance had improved mental ability and physical performance," Xinhua reports. The research was part of the Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability.

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Millennial Men And Women Invest Differently, PNC Survey Reveals.

In an exclusive, USA Today (6/12, Shell, 11.4M) reports on the insights highlighted in PNC Investments' 2018 Millennials &Investing Survey. "Nearly seven out of 10 (67%) female Millennials, for example, said their parents encouraged them to 'save' money, versus just 58% of males," and similarly, "only 29% of females surveyed said their parents 'showed (them) ways to grow wealth.'" By contrast, "37% of males said their financial education was focused on wealth-building, the survey found." USA Today reports the men surveyed "demonstrated a more aggressive approach to risk taking than their female peers," with 14 percent saying they "embrace risk," double the percentage of women who said they welcomed risk.

Morningstar Analyst Supports State-Sponsored Auto-Enrollment For Retirement Savings.

MarketWatch (6/11, Vlastelica, 1.49M) reports Aron Szapiro, director of policy research at Morningstar, says that government incentive programs for retirement investing "could dramatically increase the number of Americans who participate in retirement programs, at minimal cost to taxpayers," and he "stressed that such incentives

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should be considered, noting the dire state of savings." He adds that auto-enrollment in such plans "is the most powerful tool we've ever seen," adding that "that this kind of regulation was far more effective in getting individuals to contribute than tax incentives."

Tallahassee Targeting Multigenerational Families To Increase Retiree Draw.

The New York Times (6/8, Olson, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported Tallahassee, Florida is not seeing the same growth as the rest of the state, and a "key part" of its efforts to "attract new residents" targets retirees with "some unusual tactics – including subsidizing a few people to move there." A new campaign called "Choose Tallahassee" is recruiting "baby boomers who are hitting retirement age and looking to move someplace warmer and more affordable but who may not have thought of Tallahassee" compared to other destinations. Its campaigns are separately targeting boomers who "live elsewhere" and their children who live in Tallahassee, each promoting the benefits of having the other closer: for the boomers, the advantages of tech support and labor provided by nearby adult children; and for residents, the benefits of parents in proximity, such as free childcare.

Ford Works On Self-Driving Delivery Service With Postmates.

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Fortune (6/11, Corbett, 3.91M) reports that Ford is working on developing a self-driving delivery service program with Postmates. Currently, the pilot program offers delivery options from more than 70 businesses in Miami and Miami Beach, "with the option of having the order delivered in a self-driving research vehicle." The article explains that the vehicles used in the pilot are not autonomous, but instead "are manually driven cars with sensors that are being used to research the first and last mile of the delivery service."

Experts Worried About Unproven Tesla Self-Driving Features.

The Washington Post (6/11, Harwell, 15.68M) reports Tesla CEO Elon Musk tweeted that in August the company's cars will activate "full self-driving features," although a company spokesman said that does not mean full autonomy. Meanwhile, "safety experts worried the grand promises of full self-driving capabilities could lull drivers into a false sense of security for technologies that are still largely unproven on the road."

Uber-Like Flight Hailing Service Skyryde Starts Service In Los Angeles.

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The Washington Post (6/11, Kunkle, 15.68M) reports on the launch of Skyryde, an "Uber-like flight-hailing service," in Los Angeles. Skyryde is using small planes that have "four to six seats and instrumentation that allows pilots to fly in everything but the most extreme weather." Skyryde launched its services on April 20 and has been used by 16 passengers since its inception. According to Skyryde Founder Jerome Brenndon Adkins, "a typical Skyryde flight might take a passenger from the University of California at Los Angeles to Long Beach" at a fare of around $300. Adkins "hopes that the same concepts pioneered by Uber...will lower Skyryde's price from what might seem exorbitant now to something closer to $100." An FAA spokesman said that the agency is aware of the service and "the venture appears to have passed regulatory muster in several respects."

Researchers Create Virtual Reality Platform To Help Children Cope With Doctor's Appointment Anxiety.

U.S. News &World Report (6/11, 1.97M) contributor Jeremy Patterson from the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital discusses how virtual reality can help children deal with nervousness or anxiety during a doctor's appointment. Patterson explains that researchers at the Institute have created a "first-of-its-kind VR platform called Voxel Bay," which "provides patients with an immersive environment of penguins, pirates and dragons during infusions and other procedures." Additionally, the system's headsets are "built for purpose and are a fun part of the experience." VR games are installed "onto smartphones, so they're wireless, and nurses or families can follow the progress of the games by watching a tablet and adjust if the patient needs more distraction."

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Feeding Children Honey After Swallowing A Small Battery Can Prevent Serious Injury, Study Suggests.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/11, Giordano, 1.07M) reports "a team of pediatric ear, nose, and throat specialists from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Nationwide Children's Hospital has discovered that giving a child honey to eat after he or she has swallowed a small battery can prevent serious injury and possibly even death." Study authors explained, "Our recommendation would be for parents and caregivers to give honey at regular intervals before a child is able to reach a hospital, while clinicians in a hospital can use sucralfate before removing the battery." The findings, which "will be incorporated into the National Capital Poison Center's guidelines for management of button battery ingestions," were published in The Laryngoscope.

Science Blog (6/11) also reports.

Physician Advises Parents To Keep Kids Safe While Swimming.

Dr. Perri Klass writes for the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) that "even if kids have had swim lessons, parents

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must still supervise them in the water." Dr. Klass quotes Dr. Benjamin Hoffman, who is the chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention, as saying, "Infant swim is not a drowning prevention exercise," because children are developing water competence in swimming lessons. Dr. Klass notes that until 2010 the AAP advised against swimming lessons for children under the age of four due to concerns that "parents whose young children take swimming lessons will be lulled into a false sense of security," but after a 2009 study by researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the AAP recognized "that swimming lessons for young children were not a risk and might be protective – as long as parents continued to be protective as well."

Using Prophylactic NSAIDs Before And After Cataract Surgery May Reduce Development Of Cystoid Macular Edema In Diabetic Patients, Study Suggests.

MD Magazine (6/11, DiSanto) reports researchers found "that using prophylactic non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) pre- and post-cataract surgery may help reduce the severity and frequency of the development of cystoid macular edema (CME) in the eyes of diabetic patients." The findings were "published in the International Journal of Ophthalmology."

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Young Surgeons Face High Debt, Financial Instability, Study Suggests.

Reuters (6/11, Crist) says a new study published in the American College of Surgeons found that "young surgeons often face debt burdens that make it difficult for them to start their careers and pay off their loans." According to the study, "more than one in three, or 38 percent, reported more than $200,000 in educational debt. When non-student loan debt, mortgage liability, vehicle debt, and credit card debt were factored in, the average trainee owed more than $220,000." Overall, the researchers found that 82 percent of respondents had moderate- or high-risk debt-to-asset ratios.

Opinion: Retail Health Clinics Set The Stage For Today's Mega-Mergers.

Hal Rosenbluth and Peter Miller, co-founders of Take Care Health Systems, write in STAT (6/11, 27K) about retail health clinics and say that "the media spotlight is on some of health care's giants as they jockey for position around the themes that retail clinics set in motion." The duo argue that any major mega-merger must focus on aligning incentives, educating consumers on healthcare, and accommodate the social determinants of health.

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Tick Paralysis Strikes Five-Year-Old In Mississippi.

The Washington Post (6/11, Wootson, 15.68M) reports on a five-year-old girl in Mississippi who woke up one morning unable to walk. Her mother found a tick on her head and took her to a hospital where she was diagnosed with tick paralysis, a condition that is caused by female ticks on the verge of laying eggs. After the tick eats a blood meal and is engorged, it secretes a neurotoxin into the host. According to the Post, "paralysis begins in the legs, then spreads to the upper extremities. It can manifest as fatigue, numbness and an increasing inability to move," and in the later stages, if no action is taken, "the toxin ultimately makes it impossible for a person to breathe, resulting in respiratory failure." The article says the child quickly recovered after the tick was removed.

Red Cross Blood Drive Campaign Sees Major Brands Dropping A, B, and O From Their Names.

NBC News (6/11, Fox, 5.76M) reports on its website that major brands are dropping the letters A, B, and O in their logos to support the Red Cross's new blood drive campaign starting Monday. "Without A, B and O, we can't save anybody," the Red Cross says, adding, "Each year, fewer and fewer people are donating blood." According to the article, "only about 38 percent of the population is even eligible to give blood, and only about 10 percent of those people – that's 3 percent of the population – give blood yearly."

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KKR To Buy Envision Healthcare For $5.57 Billion.

In continuing coverage, Bloomberg News (6/11, Mittelman, 4.46M) reports that KKR &Co. will buy Envision Healthcare Corp. for $46 a share "after an almost yearlong sale process for the medical company." The article says, "The all-cash deal values Envision at $5.57 billion. Including debt, the acquisition is valued at $9.9 billion."

Also reporting are the Associated Press (6/11) and Bloomberg View (6/11, Sutherland, 4.46M).

Surgeons Use 3D-Printed Organs To Determine Best Way To Operate.

The Washington Post (6/8, Blakemore, 15.68M) reports that surgeons are using 3D-printed organs to figure out the best way to operate on patients. Using CT scans that are manipulated via special software, a team of engineers creates a model that replicates the organ and use computer models predict how blood flow would respond to each patient's unique anatomy. The process helps physicians decide how best to approach the surgery, according to the Post.

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Legacy Of Racism Hurting Health Of African Americans.

In a 7,543-word feature in The Atlantic (6/11, 3.08M), Olga Khazan writes about "how African Americans became stuck in profoundly unhealthy neighborhoods, and...how the legacy of racism can literally take years off their lives." In the US, "black people suffer disproportionately from some of the most devastating health problems," but, excepting a few specific ailments, scientists believe the underlying causes aren't genetic but "social and environmental forces that affect African Americans more than most other groups." Khazan adds, "America's racist and segregationist history continues to harm black people in the most intimate of ways – seeping into their lungs, their blood, even their DNA."

South Carolina Primary Vote To Gauge "Temperature" Of Electorate.

The Greenville (SC) News (6/11, Wilkinson, 112K) reports that a nonbinding ballot initiative on the legalization of medical marijuana will be included on the Democratic primary ballot in South Carolina on Tuesday. Bill Nettles, a former US attorney for South Carolina, said the ballot "allows the party to take the temperature of the electorate," on the issue.

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Opinion: Physician-Assisted Suicide "Can Never Be Medical Care."

Matt Vallière, executive director of the Patients' Rights Action Fund, writes in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) about physician-assisted suicide, and says that "suicide can never be medical care." Vallière argues, "As the medical community continues to point out its dangers, Congress should summarily reject assisted suicide public policy by passing H.Con. Res.80 – a truly bipartisan bill 'expressing the sense of the Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, including those most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system.'"

American Medical Association Votes To Keep Reviewing Its Guidance On Physician-Assisted Suicide.

The Washington Post (6/11, Bever, 15.68M) reports that delegates at the American Medical Association's annual meeting in Chicago voted Monday to continue reviewing its guidance on physician-assisted suicide. The AMA's House of Delegates "voted by a margin of 56 to 44 percent to have the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs keep studying the current guidance," according to the article.

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Modern Healthcare (6/11, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) also covers the story.

Cherokee Hospital Testing 186 Patients For HIV, Hepatitis After Nurse Reused Syringes.

The Tulsa (OK) World (6/11, Overall, 358K) reports that W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, a Cherokee Nation facility, is testing 186 patients for HIV and hepatitis after a nurse allegedly reused syringes to administer medications. According to the article, "the nurse violated protocols by using the same vial of medication and syringe to inject more than one intravenous bag." As of Monday, 64 patients had been screened, and none had tested positive. Hospital CEO Brian Hail said, "Patients were never directly in contact with any needle. Medication was administered into an IV bag or tubing. The likelihood of blood-borne pathogens traveling up the lines into an IV bag or IV tubing to cause cross contamination from using the same syringe is extremely remote."

Louisiana Regulators Prepare For Expanded Medical Marijuana Program.

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The Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate (6/11, Thompson, 141K) reports that "regulators crafting Louisiana's medical marijuana policies affecting physicians expressed concern Monday that key rules still need to be revised, while the growing number of state-approved treatable conditions will likely cause the state's nascent program to grow significantly." According to the article, "questions linger about how the drug will be administered, such as determining the appropriate dosage for a 30-day supply, and whether to lift an existing cap on the number of patients that doctors can recommend to be treated using medical marijuana."

Physician Offers Advice About Genetic Screening For Pregnant Women.

U.S. News &World Report (6/8, 1.97M) contributor Elaine K. Howley offered guidance on genetic screening for pregnant women. Discussing the elevated risks associated with diagnostic tests such as amniocentesis and CVS, Howley quoted Dr. Deanna Mascho-Cawley, an OB-GYN at Geisinger in Danville, Pennsylvania, as saying, "According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, any patient can be offered or should be offered that diagnostic testing as well. We just tailor the counseling based off the patient's risk factors and their desires because of those additional risks that are associated with those procedures."

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Guided Nanospears Can Administer Genetic Therapies Targeting Cancer, Researchers Say.

The Daily Beast (6/12, Schultz, 1.69M) reports a recent study in the journal American Chemical Society Nano "describes a method of creating nanospears 5,000 times thinner than human hair that successfully targeted, pierced, and entered a cancer cell within a lab dish." The authors explained in an email, "The capability to guide the nanospears magnetically eliminates the need for potentially harmful chemical propellants that have been used in prior examples of nanorobotic delivery," adding, "A key feature of the nanospears is that we can guide them individually or in groups" to deliver some genetic therapies.

US Adults With Hypertension Incur Nearly $2,000 More In Annual Healthcare Costs, Study Indicates.

Reuters (6/11, Wiener) reports that research indicates "each year, U.S. adults with high blood pressure incur almost $2,000 more in annual healthcare costs." The data indicated that "nationally, healthcare for adults with high blood pressure...costs an extra $131 billion per year." The findings were published in the Journal of the American Heart Association. Reuters points out that "last year, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and several other health organizations lowered the threshold for high blood pressure in adults to 130/80 millimeters of mercury."

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Loneliness May Cause Premature Death By Damaging Heart, Research Suggests.

Newsweek (6/11, Spear, 2.18M) reports that research suggests "loneliness may actually cause premature death by damaging the heart." The study "suggested that feeling loneliness may double a person's risk of dying of cardiovascular disease." The findings were presented at the European Society of Cardiology's annual nursing conference.

CRISPR-Cas9 May Increase Cancer Risk In Cells, Research Suggests.

Reuters (6/11, Kelland) reports that two studies suggests CRISPR-Cas9, "a gene-editing technology that is being explored by scientists worldwide as a way of removing and replacing gene defects might inadvertently increase cancer risk in cells."

STAT (6/11, Begley, 27K) reports that "In the studies...scientists found that cells whose genomes are successfully edited by CRISPR-Cas9 have the potential to seed tumors inside a patient," which "could make some

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CRISPR'd cells ticking time bombs, according to" the investigators. To view the studies, click here and here.

Congressional Action On Marijuana Could Potentially Lead To Studies On Benefits Of Medical Marijuana For Cancer Patients.

Fox News (6/11, Carlton, 16.38M) reports, "President Trump recently told reporters he will likely support a congressional effort to end the federal ban on marijuana, which could finally help cut through the red tape blocking scientists from conducting large-scale trials on the benefits of medical marijuana in cancer patients." Fox News adds, "According to new research published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, less than 30 percent of oncologists surveyed felt knowledgeable enough about medical marijuana to make recommendations." Dr. Andrew Epstein, an ASCO patient care expert, told Fox News, "The amount of information we have is still relatively nascent and evolving and therefore its upon us as a community to re-up our skills in knowing about this aspect of supportive oncology."

Genetic Test For Prostate Cancer Can Identify Individuals Who Have A Higher Risk Of Developing The Disease, Researchers Say.

Forbes (6/11, Forster, 10.34M) contributor Victoria Forster writes that

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research published in Nature Genetics indicates "a new DNA 'spit test' for prostate cancer can identify men who have an increased risk of developing the disease." The research was partially funded by the National Cancer Institute. Forster points out that research recently presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting "showed that only a minority of men with prostate cancer respond to immunotherapy, likely those men whose cancers have defects in genes involved in repairing DNA."

HealthDay (6/11, Preidt, 10K) reports, "According to the new study, the scientists identified 63 new genetic variants associated with increased risk of prostate cancer, and combined them with more than 100 previously identified variants to create the new test." The new "test identifies the 1 percent of men who are at highest risk for prostate cancer."

Also covering the story are BBC News Online (UK) (6/11, 1.57M) and The Guardian (UK) (6/11, Sample, 4.03M).

Rhode Island Nursing Homes Decry State Budget Cut That Would Lead To Layoffs, Closures.

The AP (6/11, McGuinness) reports nursing homes in Rhode Island denounced legislators' most recent budget proposal because it would cut their funding and "likely lead to facility closures and layoffs." Rhode Island Health Care Association president Virginia Burke, "Closures. The

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impact will be closures. ... Facilities would not be able to keep operating." She also indicated that "the 8.5 percent cut would mean a loss of close to $30 million for the facilities," which "are already financially strapped." Burke also "said nursing homes have not seen any money from the judgment as the state continues its appeal process," and that the cut "would take effect in three weeks."

THCA Sounds Alarm Over Texas' LTC Staffing Crisis.

The Midland (TX) Reporter-Telegram (6/12, McEwen, 42K) reports Texas providers "are ringing alarm bells" about the staffing crisis impacting nursing homes throughout the state. According to the Texas Health Care Association, "the 97 percent turnover rate for certified nurse aides and the 90 percent turnover rate for registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses are affecting nursing homes statewide." THCA president and CEO Kevin Warren explained, "It's a huge concern when you look at the fact we're seeing direct care staff...have a turnover rate of 90 to 97 percent. ... It's a significant problem that we need to work on and come together to address." He also pointed out that "staffing has always been a challenge, but he has not seen such high turnover rates in the more than 20 years he's worked in the industry." The article lists recommendations from Warren on improving staffing levels.

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Despite Prevention Efforts, South Dakota's STD Rates Rising.

The Sioux Falls (SD) Argus Leader (6/11, Pfankuch, 175K) reports prevention efforts to combat sexually transmitted diseases in South Dakota "have not reversed a trend of increasing STD rates in rural and urban regions of the state" as cases reach "near-historic infection rates." Health officials worry "that if infection rates continue to rise...a health crisis could result among sexually active South Dakotans who engage in high-risk behaviors." Their concerns have been compounded by the emergence of "a new antibiotic-resistant form of gonorrhea and cases of congenital syphilis."

Pennsylvania, Nation Losing Fight Against Lyme Disease.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (6/11, Erdley, 334K) reports on an article in Scientific American indicating that "the battle against Lyme diseases isn't progressing." The piece says Lyme has been particularly bad in Pennsylvania, which "led the country" for the past six years "with the most new cases of Lyme – more than 12,000 residents contracted the disease in 2016." The article notes that the pressure to develop a vaccine is growing "ever more pressing as the tick" responsible for its spread "expands its reach across the country."

Op-Ed: Rising Number Of Lyme Disease Infections Punctuates Need For Prevention Efforts.

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Mary Beth Pfeiffer, author of "Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change," writes for Scientific American (6/11, 3.12M) that "little has been done to curb the spread of ticks or to control the harm inflicted by the Lyme bacterium," which she argues is "the product of a false image of Lyme disease, embraced by health officials and repeated in reviews of the medical literature, as an illness that is easy to diagnose and readily treatable." She argues that "we must recognize that the power of ticks has been underestimated and our response inadequate."

Epidemiologists Predict California Will See Another Cycle Of Pertussis Cases.

The Orange County (CA) Register (6/11, Walker, 635K) reports on the "cyclical nature" of pertussis, noting that California four years ago "was in the grips of an outbreak" and that "outbreaks tend to occur every three to five years." Epidemiologists have issued warnings that the Southern California region should anticipate "another surge right about now." While "there are no signs as yet of an epidemic, statewide or locally," the piece urges parents to take precautions.

Cost Of Kansas City's Measles Outbreaks Exceeded $170,000.

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The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/11, Marso, 636K) reports an analysis led by health officials shows "that more than $170,000 in taxpayer resources was spent" in efforts to combat two measles outbreaks in Kansas City that resulted in "35 total cases – 22 in Kansas and 13 in Missouri." Some of the funding came from federal sources, while "some of it came out of redirected state and local resources and none of it includes other costs that are difficult or even impossible to quantify." The article goes on to examine the cost breakdown of treatment and prevention efforts during the outbreaks.

Stryker Reportedly Eyeing Boston Scientific For Takeover.

The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Mattioli, Dummett, Cimilluca, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports Stryker Corp. recently initiated an attempt to take over competitor Boston Scientific Corp., which would form a medical device behemoth worth more than $110 billion, according to sources. The Journal says it is unknown whether Boston Scientific is amenable toward the offer, which comes amid a jolt of activity in the healthcare sector as companies address industry and regulatory shifts.

Reuters (6/11, Banerjee, Berkrot) reports the combination "would give Stryker a strong position in stroke preventing interventional cardiology." If a deal were to materialize, "Stryker would get Boston Scientific's line of stents, defibrillators and its Watchman atrial device to prevent migration of blood clots."

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The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/11, Carlson, 1.16M) reports Boston Scientific shares "shot up nearly 10 percent in midday trading Monday" on the news. The companies have not commented on the alleged deal.

Juvenescence Takes Stake In Company Generating Cell-Based Therapies For Age-Related Diseases.

MedCity News (6/11, DeArment) reports UK-based Juvenescence Limited, which develops "therapies to slow or reverse the effects of aging," announced Monday it has raised $50 million in a Series A funding round. The company also "made a $5 million equity investment in AgeX Therapeutics, a subsidiary of publicly traded company BioTime focused on developing cell-based therapies for age-related degenerative diseases." AgeX is noted as having previously raised $10.8 million last year, including "a $386,000 grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health."

Experts Push For "Medicalized Approach" To Suicide Prevention.

Modern Healthcare (6/11, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reports that the recent suicide deaths of designer Kate Spade and TV

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host Anthony Bourdain "highlight what has become a growing public health issue, as rates of suicide throughout the country have increased sharply over the past two decades." Some experts are calling for a "more medicalized approach toward treating anxiety and depression," much like "early screening for conditions such as diabetes and breast cancer has led to better outcomes and survival rates." The article explains that "such an approach would require changes in the way much of the medical community views mental health disorders" and would require eliminating "lingering stigmas" among both providers and patients, such as "knowing the signs of a potential disorder or when to refer patients to a behavioral healthcare specialist for help."

Opinion: Ending The Stigma Is The Key To Suicide Prevention.

Petula Dvorak writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that even though 123 people die of suicide every day, "we still don't want to talk about it." Dvorak argues, "The silence, the stigma and the fear keep us from having real conversations – and taking action – when it comes to such a determined killer" that is the tenth leading cause of death in the US and the second highest among teens. The piece concludes that "the key" to suicide prevention is: "Helping others. Breaking the silence. Ending the stigma."

Oral Migraine Drug Succeeds In Study, Manufacturer Says.

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Reuters (6/11, Banerjee) reports Allergan Plc announced Monday that its oral migraine drug, atogepant, met its "main goal across all doses in a study, with a statistically significant reduction in monthly headache days in patients with episodic migraine." The results come after the FDA approved Amgen's calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) treatment last month.

Layoffs A Symptom Of A Deeper Problem With IBM's Watson Health, Former Employees Say.

STAT Plus (6/11, Ross, Swetlitz, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that IBM's Watson Health project is "grappling with a deeper problem – that the company has struggled to turn its new trove of patient data into workable products, and that instead of attracting a wave of new hospital clients, Watson Health is starting to shed business," according to former IBM employees who were recently laid off by the company. The article discusses how IBM has had reported problems with integrating its three acquisitions which brought in "vast stores of patient health data."

Children Exposed To Cigarette Smoke Have Higher Risk Of Hearing Loss, Research Indicates.

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Newsweek (6/11, Dovey, 2.18M) reports researchers from Japan have found that "exposure to smoking, both in utero and in the first few months of a child's life, is associated with higher prevalence of hearing impairment," according to a study published in Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology. Among the findings, "children exposed to only their mothers' past smoking had a 26 percent increased risk of hearing impairment," and those exposed to only "secondhand smoke at four months had a 30 percent increased risk." In addition, "those whose mothers smoked during their pregnancy had a 68 percent increased risk of hearing impairment."

Studies Link Abdominal Fat To Increased Rates Of Coronary Heart Disease, Increased Risk For Cancer, And Risk Of Developing Dementia Decades Later.

In the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) "Personal Health" column, Jane E. Brody writes that if a person's "waist measures 35 or more inches for women or 40 or more inches for men, chances are you're harboring a potentially dangerous amount of abdominal fat." Brody goes on to detail studies linking visceral fat with increased rates of coronary heart disease, an increased risk for cancer, and even the "risk of developing dementia decades later."

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Experts Release Blueprint For Improving End-Of-Life Care.

NJ Spotlight (6/12, Stainton) reports on recommendations released Monday by the nonprofit New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute as "part of a strategic plan for end-of-life care." Targeted investments for improving end of life carer include "developing a statewide database to keep residents' requests and wishes readily accessible" and offering "higher reimbursements for treatment consultations and palliative care." The 15-page report "outlines ways in which state officials can work with hospitals, medical schools, local communities, and other groups to provide more appropriate...medical treatments and support services to patients nearing the end."

Global Health

Rollout Of HIV Prevention Drug Tied To Reduction In Condom Use Among Men Who Have Sex With Men In Australia, Study Suggests.

The New York Times (6/11, Baumgaertner, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports researchers found that "the rollout of a drug that

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prevents HIV infection was followed by a reduction in condom use among gay and bisexual men in Australia." The findings were published in Lancet HIV.

HIV/AIDS Epidemic Getting Worse In Russia.

In an over 2,800 word article, Science Magazine (6/11, Cohen, 441K) reports that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Russia is getting worse. The article highlights some of the contributing factors to the problem, including some of the barriers that many patients with HIV face in receiving treatment in Russia.

Rift Valley Fever Kills Five In Kenya, Official Says.

Reuters (6/11, Mureithi) says Kenya has reported the deaths of five people in the past week due to the reemergence of Rift Valley Fever disease, marking "the first reports of the disease since an outbreak killed more than 200 people a decade ago." Abdihakim Billow, a health official of the area "where the deaths were reported, said two people died in hospital while the other three died at home," adding that "another two people thought to be ill from the disease had been hospitalized."

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British Authorities Seize Mother's Cannabis-Based Medication For Son With Epilepsy, Prompting Stand-Off.

Reuters (6/11, Shirbon) reports that the mother of a boy with epilepsy who journeyed to Canada "to buy cannabis-based medication she says is keeping her son alive" had her supplies confiscated by British customs officials upon her return on Monday. The mother says that without the cannabis oil, her 12-year-old son has up to 100 seizures a day, each of which is potentially fatal. According to Reuters, "the case has ignited a debate about the medicinal use of cannabis, a drug which is illegal in Britain and which the British authorities do not recognize as having any medicinal benefits."

Opinion: Chinese Communist Leaders Must Be Held Accountable For Human Rights Violations.

Chen Guangcheng, author of "The Barefoot Lawyer: A Blind Man's Fight for Justice and Freedom in China," writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that the Chinese Communist Party "is considering abandoning one of its longest-running and most abusive practices: its reproduction planning policy, commonly known as the one-child policy," but says that returning reproductive rights to the people "does not exempt the Communist Party from responsibility for decades of trauma and murder

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committed under the euphemistic rubric of population planning." Guangcheng "urges the American government to use the tools at its disposal – such as the Global Magnitsky Act – to hold Communist Party leaders accountable and to take a stand for human rights for all."

National Register In Australia Could Curb Financial Abuse Of Elders.

The Sydney (AUS) Morning Herald (6/8, Collett, 18K) reports older Australians who are "socially isolated and reliant on others for their care" are "particularly vulnerable to financial abuse." Last week, "the Australian Banking Association, the Council of the Ageing (COTA Australia) and National Seniors called on the nation's attorneys-general to agree to standardise the reporting systems for suspected cases of financial abuse of elders," the article says, adding that such a system "could quickly verify the authority of a power of attorney when they present themselves as acting on behalf of a customer."

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Trump, Kim Pledge "Complete Denuclearization" After Historic Summit.

At Tuesday's historic summit in Singapore, President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un signed a joint statement committing to the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Details of the agreement were still emerging early Tuesday morning, but initial media reports are critical of its lack of specifics. Reuters (6/12, Kim), for example, says the statement "gave few details," the Wall Street Journal (6/12, Bender, Gordon, Cheng, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) refers to a lack of specific commitments, and Bloomberg News (6/12, Wayne, Sink, 4.46M) says the two leaders "laid out goals...without specifying what immediate steps either side would take." CNN (6/11, Liptak, 82.6M) reports "there was no mentioning the previous US aim of 'complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.' And Kim's commitments did not appear to go beyond what he already pledged to do in April when he met South Korean President Moon Jae-in."

According to the AP (6/12, Miller, Lucey, Lederman, Klug), the President pledged unspecified "security guarantees" to the North. The two leaders "coupled the summit agreement with lofty promises" by Trump to handle "a very dangerous problem" and Kim's prediction for "major change." The AP says the document "largely amounted to an agreement to continue discussions," and "did not include an agreement to take steps toward ending the technical state of warfare between the US and North Korea."

The New York Times (6/12, Landler, Subscription Publication, 19.33M)

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reports Trump concluded the meeting saying that denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula would begin "very quickly." In the statement, which Trump called "comprehensive," the President "committed to provide security guarantees" to North Korea, and Kim "reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." According to the Times, the statement "was short on details," but Trump told reporters, "We're starting that process very quickly – very, very quickly – absolutely," referring to denuclearization. The statement said the two nations would hold "follow-on negotiations" led by Secretary of State Pompeo and a high-level North Korean official "at the earliest possible date, to implement the outcomes" of the summit meeting.

The AP (6/12) reports that during a "free-wheeling press conference before returning to the US," Trump told reporters he thinks "we'll probably need another summit" — or at least a second meeting — with Kim. He also insisted that Kim "understands what the US has been pushing for in the talks." Said Trump , "I think he's going to do these things."

During Tuesday's meeting, the Washington Post (6/12, Nakamura, Rucker, Fifield, Gearan, 15.68M) reports, Trump said he had "developed a very special bond" with Kim, but the document "is an outline, with no specifics or deadlines and leaves the details on key issues such as how the United States would verify that North Korea had given up its nuclear program for future talks." Still, Trump "cast his meetings with Kim in the most positive light." The President told reporters, "We are very proud of what took place today. I think our whole relationship with North Korea and the Korean Peninsula is going to be a very much different situation than it has in the past. We both want to do something, we both are going to do something. We have developed a very special bond."

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USA Today (6/12, Jackson, 11.4M) likewise says Trump "claimed success," saying, "We had a really fantastic meeting" that went "better than anybody could have expected, top of the line, really good." To the Los Angeles Times (6/11, Bierman, 4.03M), the two leaders "appeared to open a new chapter...in America's long-hostile relations with North Korea." At the signing ceremony, Kim said, "The world will see a major change," adding that he and Trump "decided to leave the past behind."

Politico (6/11, Johnson, Toosi, 3.51M) says that while the "text of the agreement contained few concrete steps," Trump called the document "pretty comprehensive" and Kim "a worthy negotiator." Kim, the Washington Times (6/12, Miller, 460K) reports, said the meeting "was the start of a working relationship between the two countries."

Fox News (6/12, DeMarche, 16.38M) reports that during a press conference after the talks, Trump "did not refer to the document as a treaty or agreement," and "said Kim agreed to destroy a 'major' missile testing site, but did not offer specific details."

The Washington Examiner (6/12, Morrongiello, 340K) reports Kim "departed the summit site at around 2 p.m. Tuesday, just as hundreds of journalists were shuttled over for a late afternoon press conference with Trump." Reuters (6/12) says Kim "is due to leave Singapore at 9 p.m. local time, two sources familiar with the plans said."

Trump: US-South Korean Military Exercises On Hold.

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NBC News (6/11, Allen, 5.76M) reports that after Tuesday's talks, President Trump "confirmed military exercises involving American and South Korea forces would be put on hold for now." The AP (6/12, Miller, Lucey, Lederman, Klug) says Trump "announced that he will be freezing US military 'war games' with...South Korea while negotiations between the two countries continue."

Trump Shows Kim His Presidential Limousine.

Breitbart (6/11, Spiering, 1.28M) reports that after Tuesday's talks, Trump "showed Kim the interior of his presidential limousine 'The Beast' as they walked together outside the hotel."

Number Of US Journalists Permitted To Cover Talks Limited.

According to Politico (6/11, Schwartz, 3.51M), "the number of American journalists allowed to witness" the ceremony "was limited to seven – a smaller group than would usually be present for such a summit, and one that excluded representatives from the major wire services." The size "appeared designed to match the number of North Korean 'journalists' present, according to a press pool, and led to tension between US media and White House officials on the ground in Singapore." White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told Politico, "We have worked very hard to provide access to the media at this event and continually expanded coverage throughout the morning."

Trump To Depart Singapore Early.

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Reuters (6/11, Holland) reports the White House said Monday that discussions with North Korea had moved "more quickly than expected" and Trump would leave Singapore on Tuesday night. He had earlier been scheduled to leave on Wednesday. Two US officials told Bloomberg News (6/11, 4.46M) that Kim "set a deadline for ending" the summit, prompting Trump "to set an earlier-than-expected departure time." The officials said Trump "had been willing to stay longer if negotiations were progressing, but since Kim set definite plans for departure, so did Trump."

The AP (6/11, Miller, Lucey, Lederman) too says Trump announced on the eve of the meeting "that he will be leaving Singapore early because the nuclear negotiations have moved 'more quickly than expected.' That was before the two had even met, and it was not clear whether it was good news or not."

Ahead of Tuesday's summit, Trump tweeted, "Meetings between staffs and representatives are going well and quickly...but in the end, that doesn't matter. We will all know soon whether or not a real deal, unlike those of the past, can happen!" He continued, "The fact that I am having a meeting is a major loss for the U.S., say the haters &losers. We have our hostages, testing, research and all missle launches have stoped, and these pundits, who have called me wrong from the beginning, have nothing else they can say! We will be fine!"

Pompeo: Denuclearization "Ultimate Objective" Of Summit.

Ahead of today's summit, Reuters (6/11, Spetalnick, Brunnstrom) reports Secretary of State Pompeo said the "ultimate objective" of the

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summit had not changed and the US was "eager to see" if North Korea was sincere about denuclearization. Pompeo told reporters Trump was "fully prepared" for the talks, and was optimistic that the outcome would be "successful," while warning that there was still "lots of work left to do."

Bloomberg News (6/11, Jacobs, Olorunnipa, Tweed, 4.46M) reports Pompeo also said the US plans to keep sanctions in place until North Korea denuclearizes yet is prepared to offer "unique" guarantees to the regime. In what Bloomberg calls a "stern message to Pyongyang," he also stressed that complete denuclearization "is the only outcome that the United States will accept" from North Korea.

Breitbart (6/11, Caplan, 1.28M) reports Pompeo said the US is prepared to take actions to provide North Korea with "sufficient certainty" that denuclearization "is not something that ends badly for them." The Washington Times (6/11, Miller, 460K) likewise says Pompeo said the US "is prepared to offer new security assurance," but "refused to elaborate."

To the Los Angeles Times (6/11, Bierman, 4.03M), Pompeo also "publicly downplay[ed] expectations that the nuclear summit will lead to anything beyond future talks," and the Washington Post (6/11, Nakamura, Rucker, 15.68M) says Trump too "has sought to lower expectations for the summit in recent days, suggesting that it would be the start of a lengthy process to get Pyongyang to begin dismantling its nuclear and ballistic missile programs."

Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' Hannity Video (6/11, 3.26M),

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"This President knows that sometimes negotiations like this take one, two, three, four, five or more meetings. You can't change 70 years of war and a country that has isolated itself from most of the rest of the world as it becomes nuclear capable. And you can't expect that to turn around in a day or a meeting. Let's remember what's changed from past President attempts. It is the leadership and the vision of President Trump. It's his ability to reframe the way we look at relations around the globe. And I will tell you, this is not an American issue. The denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is everybody's business."

Sean Hannity said on Fox News' Hannity Video (6/11, 3.26M), "There has been a lot of talk will they be talking beyond denuclearization about human rights? Will he they be talking about possible reunification of North and South Korea somewhere down the line? All of those issues, I'm sure, will be discussed at some point. But as the President was very clear when he left Washington, he was saying this is a process. There will be nothing signed here, he said. He said this might take two, three, four, five meetings or maybe even more. But it is certainly worth it if we can make the world a safer place. But, again, the core argument and mandate of the United States and this is very clear. It is complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization of the Korean peninsula."

Hannity To Interview Trump After Summit.

Axios (6/11, Swan, 2.49M) reports that it has learned Trump's "first sit-down television interview after his historic summit" with Kim is expected to be with Hannity, "his friend and confidant." A Fox News spokeswoman "confirmed the interview" will air in full on Fox News' Hannity on Tuesday.

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WPost Analysis: Trump's Feud With Trudeau "Looks Like A Stunt."

Callum Borchers writes for the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "The Fix" blog that Trump's "rationale for lashing out at Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau does not add up." In a tweet, Trump pointed to "Justin's false statements at his news conference" and "the fact that Canada is charging massive Tariffs." But Borchers notes that Canadian tariffs "were in place long before the summit and did not prevent Trump from initially endorsing the G7 statement on trade." He notes that "what was new was Trudeau's news conference Saturday, where he said that Canadians 'will not be pushed around.'" According to Borchers, "It appears as though Trump is the one performing a stunt, raging at Trudeau in theatrical fashion without a clear reason to be so worked up. In fact, [White House economic adviser Larry] Kudlow suggested in his appearance on CNN that Trump's anger at Trudeau is an act for an audience of one: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un."

Kim Takes Late-Night Sightseeing Tour In Singapore.

Reuters (6/11, Holland) reports that Kim, "one of the world's most reclusive leaders, made an evening tour of sites on Singapore's waterfront." He was joined by Singapore's foreign minister, Vivian Balakrishnan, "who took a selfie." Reuters says the "rare public appearance of Kim, waving and smiling to onlookers, adds to the more affable image of the young leader that has emerged since his summit in April with South Korean leader Moon Jae-in."

Bloomberg News (6/11, Zhai, Lee, 4.46M) similarly says the trip "marked a rare outing in a modern metropolis for a reclusive leader" who has "sought to overhaul his image this year." To the Washington Post (6/11, Fifield, 15.68M), "the Singaporean hosts seemed to be

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daring Kim to think big, to dream of the kind of glittering future his country could have if it opens up to the outside world, as they took him on the late-evening tour."

Dennis Rodman: Kim "Trying To Progress His Country."

Dennis Rodman said on CNN's Cuomo Prime Time Video (6/11, 839K), "If President Trump goes in there with a great heart, with his heart on the table, and lets Kim Jong-un see him, really emotional, as far as speaking to him." Kim, Rodman added, "is trying to progress his country. And Donald Trump is going to do a great job and try to reach out and make sure our hands, America's hands always open.... If Trump can pull this off, more power to him."

The Gateway Pundit (6/11, Taylor, 201K) notes that Rodman wore a red Trump "Make America Great Again" hat during his "emotional interview" with CNN.

Politico Analysis: "Trump Made Diplomacy Great Again."

Blake Hounshell writes for Politico Magazine (6/11, 3.45M) that when "candidate Barack Obama said in a 2007 debate that he'd meet with the leaders of rogue states – including North Korea – without preconditions, critics pounced. ... Flash forward to today, and what are Republicans saying about the current president's willingness – eagerness, even – to cut a nuclear deal with the most roguish leader of them all, North Korean strongman Kim Jong Un?" Not much, according to Hounshell, who notes that Democrats "have largely welcomed Trump's North Korea diplomacy." He argues that "whether he succeeds or fails, to his

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supporters, is almost beside the point – the president is making diplomacy great again."

NYTimes Editorial Board Member Suggests Summit A Distraction From Russia Probe.

The Daily Caller (6/11, Nista, 420K) reports New York Times editorial board member Mara Gay suggested Monday on MSNBC that today's summit "exists to distract from the Russia investigation." Said Wallace, "This is not just a meeting about foreign policy, this is about Donald Trump's political survival. He has said to friends that he plans on taking a win in North Korea to the voters. That's their midterm message; that's all they've got."

Trump To Hold Rally In MN8 Next Week.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/11, Golden, Van Berkel Star, 1.16M) reports the President "will make his first post-election visit to Minnesota...on June 20 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center." The Duluth (MN) News Tribune (6/11, Olsen, 195K) notes that "Trump, who campaigned in Superior in April 2016, will be the first sitting president to visit Duluth since George W. Bush in 2004."

As KSJR-FM Collegeville, MN (6/11, 92K) reports, Duluth is "the battleground for the open and highly competitive 8th Congressional

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District seat," which Trump won in 2016 even as Rep. Rick Nolan (D-MN) "held onto the seat in a close election and Minnesota chose Hillary Clinton for president." Nolan "earlier this year announced he would not seek re-election to the district, giving Republicans a key opportunity to flip the seat." While "four Democrats are headed for an August primary at this point," St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber "is the lone Republican in the 8th District race. He's a retired Duluth police officer who's also served on the Hermantown City Council and in younger years played minor league professional hockey." The Washington Examiner (6/11, Quinn, 340K) indicates, moreover, that "both of Minnesota's senators, Democrats Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, are on the ballot this November."

The Hill (6/11, Samuels, 2.71M) quotes "Michael Glassner, COO of the Trump campaign," as saying in a statement, "The President will meet with Minnesota patriots to report the latest developments for our surging economy, including record-low unemployment and fair trade reforms, and his historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un." The Hill adds that the event "could be viewed as a sign of confidence from Trump on his chances in Minnesota." The President "narrowly lost the state, which has been won by every Democratic candidate for president since 1972."

The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (6/11, Woltman, 453K) notes that "in an emailed statement, Jennifer Carnahan, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Minnesota, said she is excited to welcome the president back to the state." Said Carnahan, "The importance of Minnesota this election cycle – in influencing the balance of power in Washington D.C. for the next two years and ensuring we send the President conservative reinforcements – depends on our ability to Make Minnesota Red. ... We look forward to the momentum and positive energy his visit will bring to Minnesota Republicans and our opportunities this election cycle."

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Trump Hails High Court Ruling Allowing Ohio To Drop Inactive Voters From Rolls.

President Trump took to Twitter yesterday to write, "Just won big Supreme Court decision on Voting! Great News!" Trump was referring to a case involving Ohio, which is receiving widespread print media coverage this morning. The AP (6/11, Sherman) reports that the Supreme Court has ruled that states "can target people who haven't cast ballots in a while in efforts to purge their voting rolls." In a "5-4 vote that split the conservative and liberal justices, the court rejected arguments in a case from Ohio that the practice violates a federal law intended to increase the ranks of registered voters." The AP adds "Ohio's contested voter purge stems from an inoffensive requirement in federal law that states have to make an effort to keep their voter rolls in good shape by removing people who have moved or died." Ohio "pursues its goal more aggressively than most, relying on two things: voter inactivity over six years encompassing three federal elections and the failure to return a card...asking people to confirm that they have not moved and continue to be eligible to vote."

CNN (6/11, De Vogue, Vazquez, 82.6M) cautions on its website that "at least six other states have similar laws, and the ruling could embolden others to follow suit and enact what critics say are aggressive purges of voter rolls." The Washington Times (6/11, Dinan, 460K), in fact, reports "the ruling is already boosting conservative groups pushing to have other states clean up their voter rolls."

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Politico (6/11, Gerstein, 3.51M) calls the ruling "a victory for the Trump administration," and NPR (6/11, Totenberg, Montanaro, 3.55M) noted that "the Obama Justice Department had sided with the lead plaintiff in the case, Larry Harmon, a software engineer from the Akron area," but "once [President] Trump was elected, the DOJ did an about-face and switched positions."

The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Savage, 4.03M) says "the legal dispute played out against a backdrop where two major parties had opposite views. Republicans spoke of 'voter fraud' and election rolls they said were stocked with ineligible and illegal voters, while Democrats complained of "voter suppression" by GOP states which, they said, made it harder for minorities and the poor to cast ballots." To USA Today (6/11, Wolf, 11.4M), along those lines, "the ruling could be a major victory for Republicans, who tend to benefit from lower voter turnout, and a stinging loss for Democrats, who do best in high-turnout elections." That is "because minorities, young people and those with lower incomes are most likely to be disenfranchised by the state's policy." Newsweek (6/11, Goodkind, 2.18M) also reports "a number of civil rights groups argued that the decision would likely aid Republicans but hurt Democrats and voters of color."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/11, Eaton, 1.03M) notes "Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted called the ruling in the case known as Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute 'a victory for election integrity, and a defeat for those who use the federal court system to make election law across the country.'" Husted "is Attorney General Mike DeWine's running mate in this year's governor's race." DeWine said yesterday, "I am pleased that the United States Supreme Court agreed that Ohio was following federal law in maintaining accurate voter rolls. ... I congratulate our attorneys throughout this case for their exceptional work in documenting how this

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process used by Democrat and Republican secretaries of state is indeed lawful." The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (6/11, Torry, Ludlow, 399K) reports Sen. Sherrod Brown, "a former secretary of state, assailed the ruling, saying 'Ohio should be working to make voting easier, not harder. Instead, today's decision empowers Ohio to further strip away the right to vote for thousands of Ohioans, threatening the integrity of our state's election process.'"

CQ Roll Call (6/11, Ruger, 117K) reports House Minority Leader Pelosi "called the decision dangerous and 'a grave step backward in our nation's progress to advance a future in which every person can enjoy their full, equal right to be heard at the ballot box.'"

It was, Reuters (6/11, Chung) reports, "a ruling powered by the five conservative justices and denounced by liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor as an endorsement of the disenfranchisement of minority and low-income Americans." The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (6/11, Torry, Ludlow, 399K) reports that in his ruling, Justice Alito said Ohio's system "does not violate federal laws approved in 1993 and 2002 by Congress." Wrote Alito, "We have no authority to second-guess Congress or to decide whether (the Ohio's law) is the ideal method for keeping its voting rolls up to date. ... The only question before us is whether it violates federal law. It does not."

Meanwhile, says the Washington Post (6/11, Barnes, 15.68M), Sotomayor wrote in her dissent, "Communities that are disproportionately affected by unnecessarily harsh registration laws should not tolerate efforts to marginalize their influence in the political process, nor should allies who recognize blatant unfairness stand idly by." Alito retorted, "Justice Sotomayor's dissent says nothing about what is relevant in this case – namely, the language of the" National

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Voter Registration Act, and "has not pointed to any evidence in the record that Ohio instituted or has carried out its program with discriminatory intent."

NPR (6/11, Totenberg, Montanaro, 3.55M) reported "the first line of the opinion lays out evidence for why Alito sees the need to clean up voter rolls." Wrote Alito, "It has been estimated that 24 million voter registrations in the United States – about one in eight – are either invalid or significantly inaccurate," and "about 2.75 million people are said to be registered to vote in more than one State." Alito was referencing "a Pew Center on the States" report, "the same study that incoming Trump White House officials cited – misleadingly – to make the case that voter fraud was occurring and immigrants in the US illegally were voting."

Fox News (6/11, Mears, 16.38M) reports on its website that "Alito, in his opinion, clarified that states could not use the failure to vote as the sole reason for removal from the register." Officials "would be required to show someone had changed their residence, was incarcerated or met other criteria." The New York Times (6/11, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) indicates, however, that "the central question in the case was whether a failure to vote could be the reason to send out the notice."

Politico (6/11, Gerstein, 3.51M) reports that "Stuart Naifeh, senior counsel at Demos, which led the legal team challenging the state's practices," said yesterday that the ruling "threatens the ability of voters to have their voices heard in our elections." The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Kendall, Bravin, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), Washington Examiner (6/11, Quinn, 340K) and The Hill (6/11, Wheeler, 2.71M), among other news outlets, run similar reports on the ruling.

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More Commentary.

The Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) editorializes that "though the court majority determined that" Ohio's approach to purging the voter rolls "is legal, it is not wise," as "states should be encouraging more civic participation, not less." The Post adds that in the US, "political legitimacy flows from popular approval," and "systematically discouraging sections of the populace from voting is cynical and detrimental to the democracy." USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) offers similar arguments in an editorial titled "Supreme Court Upholds Ohio's Vote Suppression Scheme."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) defends the ruling, hailing it as a step toward more accurate voter rolls. Pete Hutchison, president of Landmark Legal Foundation, writes in USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) that "the dissenting justices object to the Ohio Legislature's policy decisions," but "the job of judging is to apply the law as written and not to second-guess the people's representatives. Monday's decision is a victory for ballot integrity."

Trump-Recruited GOP Candidate Frustrated By Trump's "Affinity" For Heitkamp.

The Washington Post (6/11, Sullivan, 15.68M) reports, "President

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Trump is aggressively campaigning for Republican Senate candidates around the country and belittling their Democratic rivals, with one notable exception – Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota." The President's "affinity for Heitkamp, who got a shout-out and a handshake at a recent White House bill signing, has frustrated top Republicans who see winning her Democratic seat as crucial to holding onto their fragile 51-to-49 majority." Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), "whom Trump personally recruited to run against Heitkamp," has contacted Chief of Staff Kelly "to appeal for political help" and has "traded warning shots with Trump's legislative affairs director, Marc Short."

Obama Meeting With Potential 2020 Democratic Presidential Candidates.

CNN (6/11, Merica, 82.6M) reports on its website, "Barack Obama has met with several Democrats considering running for president in 2020, a Democrat close to the former president tells CNN, offering them advice on running in the Trump era and discussing how to position the party going forward." CNN adds that "to date, according to the Democrat, Obama has met with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders; Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren; former Vice President Joe Biden; former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick; New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker; former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Peter Buttigieg; former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander; and former Attorney General Eric Holder."

Politico (6/11, Dovere, 3.51M) says "Obama is concerned about how his

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own party is responding" to President Trump, "and how it can be best positioned to win in the midterms and in the next presidential cycle to beat back the president and his politics." Obama, adds Politico, "doesn't see himself as the person to come up with the plan," but "he is eager to be a sounding board and counselor."

New D'Souza Film Compares Anti-Trump "Resistance" To Democrats' Opposition To Lincoln.

The Hill (6/11, Concha, 2.71M) reports "conservative filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, who was recently pardoned by President Trump, is making comparisons for his next film between the Democratic resistance to Trump and how Democrats didn't accept President Lincoln's reelection during the Civil War." The Twitter "account for D'Souza's next film, 'Death of a Nation,'" stated yesterday, "Not since 1865 have #Democrats so dramatically refused to accept the outcome of a presidential election." D'Souza also weighed in on Twitter, asking, "Lincoln united his party and saved America from the Democrats for the first time. Can Trump – and wen-- come together and save America for the second time?"

Trump Highlights Good Economic News.

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In a tweet Monday afternoon, Trump touted his economic record, writing, "Stock Market up almost 40% since the Election, with 7 Trillion Dollars of U.S. value built throughout the economy. Lowest unemployment rate in many decades, with Black &Hispanic unemployment lowest in History, and Female unemployment lowest in 21 years. Highest confidence ever!"

Stocks Rise Slightly.

Trump's tweet came on a day that stocks posted slight gains. Reuters (6/11, Brown) reports that the Dow climbed 5.78 points to 25,322.31, the S&P 500 added 2.97 points to close at 2,782, and the Nasdaq ended the day 14.41 points higher at 7,659.93.

Fed weighs Historically Low Unemployment In Considering Rate Decision.

The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Timiraos, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that as the Federal Reserve prepares to announce whether it will raise the benchmark short-term interest rate on Wednesday, it is considering how far unemployment may fall without stoking inflation. The Journal adds that the US unemployment rate has only his its current level of 3.8% twice before in the past 50 years, one of which, in the 1960s, spurred high inflation. The article adds that the Fed is projected to increase its short-term rate to between 1.75% and two percent, adding that Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's view of the near-term future of US unemployment will drive Fed interest rate decisions.

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Maher Hopes For Recession So We Can "Get Rid Of Trump."

Writing on Townhall (6/11, 209K), Matt Vespa cites a RealClear Politics report which said that comedian Bill Maher said Friday that he is hoping for a recession so we can "get rid of Trump." On his HBO show Real Time, Maher said, "Can I ask about the economy because this economy is going pretty well? I feel like the bottom has to fall out at some point. And by the way, I'm hoping for it. Because I think one way you get rid of Trump is a crashing economy. So, please, bring on the recession. Sorry if that hurts people, but it's either root for a recession or you lose your democracy."

Pai: Expiration Of Net Neutrality Means A Return To Clinton-Era Framework.

The Washington Times (6/11, Muñoz, 460K) reports that as net neutrality regulations ended Monday, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai "touted a return to past policies," saying the "new approach is actually more like the policy set in place by former President Bill Clinton." Pai told CBS This Morning, "President Clinton's framework, it served us well from '96 until 2015, and I'm confident going forward." Reuters (6/11, Shepardson) says that while the net neutrality rules expired Monday, "a court battle remains ahead."

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Pentagon Officials Distance Themselves From LGBT Pride Month Observances.

The Washington Post (6/11, Sonne, 15.68M) reports that for the first time since the practice became routine in the wake of President Obama's repeal of the military's ban on homosexuals serving openly, senior Pentagon officials "are distancing themselves from the Defense Department's annual LGBT Pride Month celebrations." While an official Pentagon memo is typically distributed at the beginning of LGBT Pride Month in June, the absence of the memo this year "has raised questions among service members and Defense Department civilian employees who remain troubled by President Trump's surprise proclamation last July that he would ban transgender individuals from serving in the military."

Biden Heckled During Book Tour Stop In Delaware.

The Wilmington (DE) News Journal (6/11, Price, 304K) reports that former Vice President Joe Biden was heckled during a book tour stop in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware on Sunday. As Biden "was talking about sexual assault," the heckler asked, "What about the girls you molested on C-SPAN at the Senate swearing in?" The taunt drew boos and shouting from the audience, but Biden "quieted the crowd enough to respond: 'This is not Trump world,' which drew a deluge of applause and cheers, even as catcalls and boos aimed at the heckler continued."

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Poll: Scott "Dominating" Nelson Among Florida Voters 50 And Older.

Politico (6/11, Caputo, 3.51M) reports that a forthcoming Politico/AARP poll shows that Gov. Rick Scott "is virtually tied" with Sen. Bill Nelson in the Florida Senate race, and is "dominating" Nelson "by 9 points among those nearing or at retirement age – a group that casts the majority of Florida's votes." Overall, "Scott leads Nelson overall by 40 percent to 39 percent, but Scott's support grows to 44 percent while Nelson's shrinks to 35 percent with those 50 and older."

McClatchy Analysis: Sanford Fighting For Political Life In SC1 GOP Primary.

McClatchy (6/11, Douglas, Dumain, 81K) reports that Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC) is fighting for his political life in his Tuesday primary "thanks to his disagreements with President Donald Trump." Recent polling shows Sanford and State Rep. Katie Arrington "in a statistical tie" in SC1.

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In AL2, Rouby Faces Runoff Amid Questions About Her Loyalty To Trump.

The New York Times (6/11, Blinder, Martin, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that President Trump "has become a one-man litmus test in some of his party's primaries, imperiling incumbents in races where policy issues seem to matter less to voters than personal loyalty to the president." In AL2, Republican voters "face a peculiar choice in a runoff" – Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL), "who condemned Mr. Trump but has since voted nearly in lock step with him," or Bobby Bright, "who was once a Democrat who supported Nancy Pelosi, but now sounds much like the president." That Rouby was "forced into a runoff by questions of personal fealty illustrates the potency of the issue in this year's Republican primaries."

Democrats Consulting With Hollywood Ahead Of Midterms.

Politico (6/11, Siders, 3.51M) reports that the DNC and Democratic lawmakers are "quietly consulting" with Hollywood actors, writers, and producers for "help with voter turnout and messaging ahead of the midterm elections and 2020 presidential campaign." DNC Chairman Tom Perez, several House members, and others have met with a group "formed by members of the entertainment industry in the wake of the 2016 election," to discuss "targeted voter-registration programs with visiting Democrats, as well as the party's framing of issues ranging from abortion rights to gun control."

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AP Analysis: Democratic House Candidates Pushing Liberal Messages.

The AP (6/11, Barrow, Beaumont) reports that Democrats' midterm House candidates are "shaping up to test what liberal messages the party can sell to the moderate and GOP-leaning voters who will help determine control of the House after the November election." According to the AP, "the crop of nominees is trending more liberal than many of the 'Blue Dog' Democrats swept away in Republicans' 2010 midterm romp." As a result, "voters now represented by a Republican will be asked to consider some or all of the mainstream Democratic priorities that may have been considered 'too liberal' in the past: more government involvement in health insurance, tighter gun laws, a path to citizenship for people in the country illegally, reversing parts of the GOP tax law, support for LGBTQ rights." The question is whether that will result in "Democrats gaining the 23 new seats they need for a majority."

Democrats Hope Anti-Trump Sentiment Will Help Unseat Comstock.

The Washington Times (6/11, Sherfinski, 460K) reports that Democrats "are counting on an anti-Trump backlash, a desire to overturn the Republican-led Congress and a surge of interest in gun control to unseat suburban Republicans" like Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA) in VA10. But Comstock "said she has been a top target in her past two elections yet emerged with a 16-percentage-point victory in 2014 and won re-election by 6 points in 2016, even as Hillary Clinton carried the district

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by close to double digits." Comstock "is highlighting her vote for Republican tax cuts and her work combating violent gangs in the region as she tries to shore up the pro-Trump elements of her party."

Female Gubernatorial Candidates Say They Face Resistance To Female Executive Power.

The New York Times (6/11, Martin, Burns, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that while women "have emerged as the animating force behind the backlash to President Trump, with many storming to victory in congressional primaries, several are finding governor's races to be more challenging as they struggle to build as much political and financial support as their male rivals." From today through September, "female candidates for governor will be on the ballot in Democratic primaries across 17 states, including pivotal battlegrounds such as Florida, Wisconsin and Colorado," but "several said they are facing entrenched resistance to female power at the executive level, and male opponents with deeper campaign coffers and, in some cases, far less political experience."

Bill Clinton: Norms Of "What You Can Do To Someone Against Her Will" Have Changed.

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The Daily Caller (6/11, Athey, 420K) reports that in an interview with PBS on Friday, former President Bill Clinton "made a disturbing statement about sexual consent." Asked about the resignation of Sen. Al Franken and what that says about changing norms, Clinton said, "I think it's a good thing that we should all have higher standards," Clinton said. "I think the norms have really changed in terms of, what you can do to somebody against their will, how much you can crowd their space, make them miserable at work."

USA Today (6/11, Cummings, 11.4M) reports that Clinton "said that Franken was 'a difficult case' for him because while there may be facts he doesn't know about the allegations, many of Franken's past female colleagues came to his defense." Clinton said, "Maybe I'm just an old-fashioned person... but it seemed to me that there were 29 women on 'Saturday Night Live' that put out a statement for him, and that the first and most fantastic story was called, I believe, into question." Referring to Franken's resignation, he added that it is "a grievous thing to take away from the people a decision they have made. ... But it's done now."

Poll: 53% See Clinton As A Sexual Predator.

Katie Pavlich writes on Townhall (6/11, 209K) that the latest Rasmussen Reports poll found that "just 24% of Likely U.S. Voters consider Clinton a victim of his political opponents. Fifty-three percent (53%) describe the ex-president as a sexual predator instead. Another 24% are undecided."

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Broadway Veterans, Trump Critics Struggle With De Niro's Tony Comments.

The Washington Post (6/11, Zeitchik, 15.68M) reports that actor Robert De Niro's speech at the Tony Awards, in which he said, "F---Trump. ... It's no longer down with Trump...but F--- Trump," made "a Broadway extravaganza and a beloved American actor...a lighting-rod referendum on Trumpism." The Post adds that a post-ceremony parties, "the Trump moment was on many Broadway veterans' minds. They just couldn't figure out what to make of it or whether what he did was a good thing."

The Washington Times (6/11, Chasmar, 460K) reports that MSNBC host Joe Scarborough said De Niro and those who applauded his comments are unwittingly aiding the President's re-election. Scarborough said, "If people that applauded De Niro's statement last night don't understand that they are helping Donald Trump's re-election every time they do something like that, they don't understand."

Twitter CEO Draws Fire For Chick-Fil-A Post During Pride Month.

USA Today (6/11, Carrig, 11.4M) reports that Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey apologized after a tweet in which he said he ordered food from Chick-fil-A drew criticism on social media. Dorsey was criticized "for supporting Chick-fil-A during" June, which is LGBTQ Pride Month. In 2012, Chick-

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fil-A "came under fire from gay rights supporters...because of comments made by the fast food chicken chain's CEO, Dan Cathy, expressing opposition to same-sex marriage" and the company's donations to anti-gay groups. Amid the backlash from his original tweet, Dorsey wrote, "You're right. Completely forgot about their background."

Under the headline "Jack Dorsey Chickens Out," a Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial takes issue with the criticism of Dorsey and argues the Chick-fil-A restaurants serves everyone and Cathy was expressing his personal beliefs when he voiced opposition to gay marriage.

Rubio Defends Chick-Fil-A.

The Washington Times (6/11, Richardson, 460K) reports that Sen. Marco Rubio "stood up for Chick-fil-A" in a series of tweets. Rubio "questioned the prudence of boycotting a company for holding a mainstream Christian view on marriage." He wrote, "This lunacy has gone too far. The CEO of @Twitter bullied into apology for patronizing @ChickfilA because owners support "biblical definition of marriage. Holding a personal view taught by mainstream Christianity is now boycott worthy." Rubio followed that with another, saying, "@ChickfilA isn't denying service to anyone. But if you eat there you must be attacked by the twitter mob b/c owner agrees with what his church teaches about marriage? Why would twitter mob stop at biz owned by Christians? Who is next? Christian schools? Christian charities?" In a final tweet, Rubio wrote, "The message from latest @ChickfilA incident is this: "Your church can still teach traditional marriage (which by the way we will still label as a bigoted belief) but don't you dare repeat it outside of church or we will come after you, your business and/or your job."

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New York Times.

"The Healthcare Stalkers." The New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) similarly argues in an editorial that Democrats who hope "to make health care a centerpiece of midterm election campaigns just got a gift from the Trump administration," as the Justice Department has "declined to defend the Affordable Care Act against a lawsuit filed by 20 Republican-led states," and is "arguing for the repeal of enormously popular consumer protections, including coverage of pre-existing conditions."

"America Isolated."

The New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) writes on its editorial page that last weekend's G7 summit was "a confirmation that so long as Mr. Trump is in the White House, and maybe beyond

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that, something fundamental in the community of Western democracies will be missing. America, the leader of the free world and the architect of so much of the modern world order, had decided to go its own way." The Times argues that "it's past time to recognize that this president has transformed 'America First' into 'America Alone,' and that this is the last place a great and powerful nation wants to be."

Washington Post.

"Why Are Republicans So Determined To Discourage People From Voting?" The Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) editorializes that "though the [Supreme Court] majority determined that" Ohio's approach to purging the voter rolls "is legal, it is not wise," as "states should be encouraging more civic participation, not less." The Post adds that in the US, "political legitimacy flows from popular approval," and "systematically discouraging sections of the populace from voting is cynical and detrimental to the democracy."

"Canada Has Every Right To Be Insulted."

The Washington Post editorializes that Canada "has every right to be insulted that Mr. Trump would invoke national security in their trade dispute. Canada has stood with the United States in every modern war and crisis. There is no doubt that the United States could rely on Canadian steel and aluminum if another crisis developed, obviating the stated rationale for imposing the tariffs." Trump's "trade offensive," it argues, "is an insult."

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Wall Street Journal.

"The Autumn Of Obamacare." A Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial says that while Democrats are blaming Republicans for double-digit healthcare premium increases, the problem is the structure of the ACA. As the election approaches, the Journal adds, Republicans will have to refute the Democrats' false claims.

"Jack Dorsey Chickens Out."

A Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial takes issue with criticism of Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey over a tweet in which he said he ordered food from Chick-fil-A. The Journal argues the Chick-fil-A restaurants serves everyone and that Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy was expressing his personal beliefs when he voiced opposition to gay marriage.

"A Victory For Voting Law."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) defends the Supreme Court ruling on states purging voter rolls, hailing it as a step toward more accurate voter rolls.

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CBS: US-North Korea Relations-Summit; Trump-G7 Allies Relations; US-North Korea Relations-Kim-Jong-Un Insights; US-North Korea Relations-Denuclearization; US-North Korea Relations-Trump's Deal Making; Colorado-Wildfires; Orlando-Hostage Situation; Anthony Bourdain-Suicide; North Korea Defector.

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Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel:

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"When he left the G7, Trump said his relationship with the other leaders was a 10. He rated it a 10. And then a few hours later, I guess he didn't like the idea that the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau didn't do as he was told, and so Trump tweeted, 'PM Justin Trudeau of Canada acted so meek and mild during our G7 meetings, only to give a news conference after I left saying that US tariffs were kind of insulting and he will not be pushed around. Very dishonest and weak. Our tariffs are in response to his of 270 percent on dairy.' Bearing in mind that first of all, our dairy trade with Canada – it's only about $600 million a year, which is about what it costs for him to play golf every week."

Jimmy Kimmel:

"And he justified these new tariffs in the first place by saying our national security was at stake. Now he's saying it's because of dairy. How does Canadian dairy threaten our national security? Are they planning to churn us to death? Are they going to drop cheese curds on us and turn us into poutine?"

Jimmy Kimmel:

"And who has a problem with Canada? No one has a problem with Canada. It's like picking a fight with 'Nilla Wafers. No one does it. It's ridiculous."

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Jimmy Kimmel:

"Trump also threatened to cut off all trade with the other six nations at the summit. All our closest allies. We would not trade with them anymore. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she found his actions at the summit to be sobering and depressing. And when a German finds you to be sobering and depressing – bad news. This is the country that gave us Hitler and David Hasselhoff."

Stephen Colbert:

"Folks, it is an historic evening because, as we speak, President Trump is meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, a scenario that, just a few years ago, would have been unthinkable because it includes the phrase 'President Trump.'"

Stephen Colbert:

"So tensions are high. The United States is on the precipice of unthinkable international conflict, and that's with Canada."

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Stephen Colbert:

"If you're one of those nerds who values the Western alliance that has safeguarded democracy for 70 years, it was a tough weekend for you because Canada hosted the G7, and it did not go 'the good.' Keep in mind, the G7 are our trading partners, and right before he attended, Donald Trump declared protectionist trade tariffs against all of them. That's like showing up to an AA meeting with Captain Morgan."

James Corden:

"Tomorrow is the big summit meeting between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. Trump spent the day preparing for the summit, which basically means he wrote on his hands, 'South Korea good, North Korea bad,' so he doesn't get confused."

James Corden:

"When asked by reporters how he will know if North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is serious about a peace treaty, President Trump said he will use his 'touch and feel.' This may not be a great plan. The last time Trump used his 'touch and feel' method, he had to pay Stormy Daniels $130,000."

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James Corden:

"Honestly, it may work. After three minutes of being touched and felt by Trump, Kim Jong-un is just going to shout, 'Fine, take the nukes! Just stop touching me!'"

Jimmy Fallon:

"Tonight in Singapore, Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un finally came face to face. Or in Kim's case, more like face to belly button."

Jimmy Fallon:

"There's a lot riding on this meeting. Last night, Kim spent hours preparing, while at the same time, Trump was in bed waiting for 'Spongebob' to perform on the Tonys."

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Seth Meyers:

"President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met tonight in Singapore after we taped our show. So if you're watching this on TV right now, either it went well, or you have a TV in your fallout shelter."

Seth Meyers:

"Dennis Rodman arrived in Singapore today for the summit with Kim Jong-un. So at least if Kim launches a nuclear missile, Rodman will be there to grab the rebound."

Conan O'Brien:

"This past weekend, President Trump told reporters he'll know if the Kim Jong-un meeting is going well by 'touch and feel.' That's what he said. In other words, Trump's lawyer is going to have to pay Kim Jong-un $130,000."

Conan O'Brien:

"North Korean leader Kim Jong-un brought his own toilet to the summit

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in Singapore. When he saw the toilet, President Trump said, 'Oh, so you're planning to tweet, too.'"

Conan O'Brien:

"President Trump said that during the North Korea summit, he will not focus on human rights abuses. Trump said, 'My marriage is no one's business.'"

Trevor Noah:

"White House staffers have reportedly been taping pieces of paper back together after President Trump rips them up. They need to tape them back together to comply with the Presidential Records Act. According to Politico, the papers include letters and official documents required by law to be preserved and sent to the National Archives. ... President Trump's tearing up official documents? I mean, let's not act surprised. After all, he spent the last year tearing up the Constitution."

Trevor Noah:

"I don't know why Trump rips up all his paper. My guess is to show off

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how strong he is. 'Would an unhealthy President be able to do this?!'"

Trevor Noah:

Trump said "he wants Russia to be welcomed back into the G8. I don't know if Trump colluded with Russia, but if everyone was accusing me of colluding with Russia, I wouldn't be caught dead mentioning their name. If your girlfriend accused you of cheating with Keisha, even if you didn't do it, shut up about Keisha, just shut up."

Trevor Noah:

"Trump went into the G7 for a run-of-the-mill check-in with America's allies and came out full-on beefing with Canada, the Ned Flanders of countries."

Trevor Noah:

"Emmanuel Macron called Trump incoherent, and Angela Merkel said it is sobering and depressing. She is German, so everything is sobering and depressing to her. She was at breakfast saying, 'I find this pancake both sobering and depressing.'"

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CMS Unveils New Guidance To Help States Fight Opioid Epidemic. The Hill (6/11, Roubein, 2.71M) reports that on Monday, CMS unveiled "guidance aimed at helping states leverage Medicaid to combat the opioid epidemic." The article says "the guidance focused on information related to covering services for infants born exposed to opioids and how to enhance federal funding for telemedicine and programs that keep tabs on patients' prescriptions." HHS Secretary Alex Azar stated, "The number of American infants born dependent on opioids each day is heartbreaking. ... Today's announcement reflects the Trump Administration and HHS's commitment to helping states use Medicaid to support treatment for this condition and other challenges produced by our country's crisis of opioid addiction."

Fierce Healthcare (6/11, Stankiewicz, 146K) reports that the new guidance "includes summaries of different treatment modalities, including hospital and home-based services, as well as ways Medicaid can support parents with substance abuse disorder." The agency "said states can create bundled rates for such services, instead of the traditional fee-for-service model." Tim Hill, acting director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, is quoted as saying, "Through discussions with states, we have recognized their growing challenge in providing treatment services to the expanding number of infants with NAS [neonatal abstinence syndrome]. ... We have also recognized that states may not be fully aware of available options under Medicaid that can play a critical role in the care of these infants, as well as the limitations on Medicaid coverage."

Healthcare Finance News (6/11, Morse, 93K) reports that so far, "CMS has approved substance use disorder related section 1115 demonstration projects in Louisiana, West Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Utah, Illinois, and Vermont to improve access to treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries." The article adds that Hill also said, "By leveraging and improving the technological capabilities of state Medicaid programs, we are providing Medicaid agencies, providers, and patients with the tools they need to improve health outcomes associated with addiction."

Health Exec (6/11, Leider) also covers the story.

CMS Says States Can Use Federal Funding To Make IT Improvements To Better Address Opioid Crisis. Fierce Healthcare (6/11, Sweeney, 146K) reports, "Federal funding is available to state Medicaid programs to enhance the use of technology to help states manage the opioid crisis, according to new guidance from" CMS. According to the agency, a lot of "funding is already available through existing legislation." CMS is also urging "Medicaid program directors to use telehealth and telepsychiatry to coordinate care for patients with substance abuse disorder." Tim Hill, acting director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, told Medicaid directors that "CMS doesn't need to approve telehealth coverage changes for opioid treatment unless the state elects to cover telehealth encounters differently than in-person visits."

Trump's Decision Not To Defend The ACA Could Be A Boon To Dems During The Midterms. On its website, CNN (6/8, Merica, 82.6M) reports that the Trump Administration's move to refuse "to defend key provisions of the Affordable Care Act could deal Democrats a sizable win going into the midterm elections, handing a party already prepared to run on health care a cudgel to use against vulnerable Republicans." Several polls show voters consider healthcare the top issue in the midterms, "and Democratic candidates have responded by making it the cornerstone of their attacks on Republicans." The article adds that last week, the Administration "clearly outlined" its stance "on key – and popular – provisions in the Affordable Care Act, telling a court that the law should be invalidated and that the individual mandate is unconstitutional." The Justice Department also argued "in favor of invalidating protections for" people with pre-existing conditions.

Fortune (6/11, Mukherjee, 3.91M) reports that the Administration's decision "could wind up being a political gift to Democrats in the 2018 mid-term elections, as it targets one of Obamacare's single most popular provisions." The article says the Administration is hoping the "courts will ultimately dismantle these Obamacare tenets," and its support of this suit against the ACA is an effort to hasten the process. However, "it could prove a

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political land mine (and boon to Democrats) going into the 2018 mid-term elections, if polling and recent campaigns are any indication."

Politico (6/11, Diamond, 3.51M) reports that over the weekend, Democrats "seized" on the Administration's "move to revive their charge that the GOP can't be trusted to protect Americans' health insurance." Meanwhile, "few congressional Republicans rushed to defend the administration's move, instead emphasizing their support for preserving pre-existing condition protections."

The Daily Intelligencer (NY) (6/11, Levitz, 551K) reports that the Administration move is against the GOP's "political interests." The article says "Democratic consultants are cheering" the Administration's decision. The piece adds that Democrats' "No. 1 strategic objective has been to force health care to the front of voters' minds – both to exploit the party's advantage on that issue, and to undermine public support for the Trump tax cuts by reminding voters that the GOP always intended to pay for its regressive giveaway with cuts to Medicaid and Obamacare."

Kaiser Health News (6/11, Bartolone) reports that on Friday, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra vowed "to redouble his efforts as the Affordable Care Act's leading defender, saying attacks by the Trump Administration threaten health care for millions of Americans." He argued that the Administration's decision is, "simply put, an attack on the health care that millions of Americans have come to count on, and California, being the most successful state in implementing the Affordable Care Act, stands to lose perhaps more than anyone else."

Commentary. Contributor Bruce Japsen writes in a Forbes (6/11, 10.34M) piece that physicians' groups "are once again rallying to the defense of the Affordable Care Act after the U.S. Justice Department filed a brief that doesn't defend the law's popular protections for patients with preexisting conditions." During "the American Medical Association annual meeting this week, doctors are discussing numerous ways to protect patients, updating its lobbying agenda to include ways to support the ACA." Japsen says groups such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Psychiatric Association also criticized the Administration, saying, "The elimination of these protections could result in millions of people facing limited access to health care coverage and higher cost as a result of insurers being allowed to return to discriminatory coverage and pricing practices."

Sarah Kliff writes in a Vox (6/11, 1.66M) piece that President Trump and the GOP are so intent on "killing Obamacare they've decided, just months before the midterm elections, to take aim at the most popular part of the law: coverage for preexisting conditions." Kliff says the suit "is, in some ways, a perplexing move mere months before midterm elections. Polling finds that both Democrats and Republicans think it's a good idea to ensure that sick people have access to health insurance."

Yuval Rosenberg writes in the Fiscal Times (6/11, 7K) that the Trump Administration's decision to not defend the ACA is "political dynamite" because polls show the protections for pre-existing conditions are popular and may affect as many as 52 million non-elderly Americans. Rosenberg adds, "Democrats, who have already been hammering a health care message, are pouncing at the new opportunity."

THE SECRETARY IN THE NEWS

Azar To Testify About Drug Prices Before Senate Panel Today. In a news roundup, Politico (6/11, Pittman, 3.51M) reports HHS Secretary Alex Azar on Tuesday "will defend the Trump administration's plan to lower the cost of medicines" before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Politico reports lawmakers are expected to "to try to pin down Azar on aspects that were lacking when the administration rolled out its blueprint last month," noting that "Inside Health Policy reported last week the administration would soon announce that drug companies will lower their asking price on insulin."

The C-SPAN Video Library (6/12, 28K) posts a feed for Secretary Azar's scheduled testimony before the HELP Committee.

Trump Administration Meeting With Pharmaceutical Companies To Seek Voluntary Price Cuts. The Hill (6/11, Sullivan, 2.71M) reports officials from the Department of Health and Human Services have been meeting with pharmaceutical companies to "seek voluntary cuts in drug prices." The Hill adds, "Voluntary cuts in prices would allow the administration to immediately tout benefits of President Trump's drug pricing plan, which was

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announced last month, rather than having to wait for any regulatory actions to be put forward and take effect." An HHS spokesperson said Monday when asked for comment, "We are working with stakeholders across the spectrum including drug companies, [pharmacy benefit managers], distributors, patients, health care professionals, physicians, insurers, etc., to respond to President Trump's call to action and help patients pay less for their prescription drugs." HHS Secretary Alex Azar hinted at such talks last month, saying, "We look forward to working with industry to build a better drug-pricing system."

Opinion: Trump Can Use Patent Law To Slash Prices For Naloxone. In an op-ed for the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M), Public Citizen president Robert Weissman and Baltimore City Health Commissioner Leana Wen write that since President Trump declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency, "he and his administration have yet to take the steps that would help those fighting the epidemic on the front lines." Weissman and Wen call on the President to "use existing legal authority to slash prices for the lifesaving drug naloxone...and for its easy-to-use, patented delivery devices." They note that during the post-Sept. 11 anthrax scare, "amid public debate about employing government-use authority, then-Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson demanded that the ciprofloxacin patent holder, Bayer, match the price of generic makers." They argue that the Administration "can choose to lower prices and save lives" or "perpetuate the rationing of lifesaving treatments."

Donna Shalala Expresses Support For Single-Payer System Similar To The One Advocated By Bernie Sanders. Colby Itkowitz writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Power Post" blog that during her tenure as HHS Secretary under President Clinton, "Donna Shalala fended off accusations that she was too liberal for the job. Now, as a candidate for Congress in a competitive Democratic primary, the former secretary must dust off her old progressive bona fides." In the past, Shalala insisted that a single-payer system was not feasible. Now, however, "Shalala says she supports universal health care under a Bernie Sanders-style system that isn't too different than 'Medicare for All.'"

HHS IN THE NEWS

White House Wants HHS To Delay Issuing Final Rule On Religious, Moral Beliefs. Modern Healthcare (6/11, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reports that the White House wants HHS to delay issuing a final "rule that will require hospitals and physician practices to create standards and procedures to protect their employees' religious and moral beliefs until it can elaborate how the policy will affect the industry." The department "received more than 72,000 comments on the rulemaking before the March deadline," and it "is still drafting a final version of the rule, but proactively asked the Office of Management and Budget to allow it to confirm that providers were both complying with the rule and notifying staff and patients of their rights." The article says OMB denied HHS requests because the department "did not provide industry comments on how these changes would affect their business," and it failed to "provide OMB with adequate estimates of the time it would take providers to implement the rule."

Columnists Say Healthcare Will Be The Focus Of The Midterms Given Administration's Decision Not To Defend The ACA. Former Acting CMS Administrator Andy Slavitt and Nicholas Bagley, a law professor at the University of Michigan and a former Justice Department attorney, write in a USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) column that President Trump and the GOP "just put America's health care squarely on the November ballot." Following their failure to repeal the ACA, "the Trump administration, in cahoots with 20 conservative states, has asked the courts to strike down several pillars of the ACA – including its protections for Americans with pre-existing health conditions." Slavitt and Bagley add, "Nothing has defined the domestic agenda over the 18 months like health care. It's only fitting that it will define the election too."

Healthcare Groups Want CMS To Improve Reimbursement For Remote Patient Monitoring. mHealth Intelligence (6/11, Wicklund) reports that on Monday, nearly 50 healthcare organizations and vendors which "are lobbying the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to improve reimbursement opportunities

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for remote patient monitoring" wrote to CMS Administrator Seema Verma. The groups want "CMS to modify and add Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that would enable Medicare reimbursement of mobile health programs that collect patient-generated health data in the home."

Trump Administration Immigration Policy Examined. Vox (6/11, Lind, 1.66M) features an article which explains the Trump Administration's immigration policy. Vox examines how the government is separating families at the border, how many families are being separated, the policy behind the separations, and what happens to the children. The piece says that under federal law, "unaccompanied alien children are sent into the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The ORR is responsible for identifying and screening the nearest relative or family friend living in the US to whom the child can be released."

Opinion: Trump Administration's "Zero Tolerance" Policy Is "Cruel And Un-American." Arizona Republic (6/11, 1.21M) columnist EJ Montini writes that the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy "is cruel and un-American," and discusses the many children being separated from their parents at the border. Montini says, "After the cruelty of the current policy got some public attention, Homeland Security is said to have established a hotline through which confused, despairing arrested parents might be able to locate their children. Perhaps the department could set up another hotline to help the administration locate its humanity."

Opinion: Trump's Immigration Policy Is "Completely Impractical." Dyana Mason, Assistant Professor of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon, writes in the Conversation (US) (6/11, 98K) that many of the immigrant children being "deliberately" separated from their parents at the border "are under the age of 4 and are infants." Mason adds, "When I researched this largely hidden aspect of immigration policy, I found little evidence that this patchwork system can absorb what promises to be an influx of thousands more children. And I have no doubt that forcibly separating kids from their families is completely impractical and bound to make a bad situation worse."

Column: Redirecting Family Planning Funds Could Undercut STD Fight. Michelle Andrews writes for the Washington Post (6/12, 15.68M) that a Trump Administration effort to shift family planning funding "could cripple other federal efforts to curb an explosion in sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), some public health officials fear." The Department of Health and Human Services has proposed changes to Title X rules that, "if adopted in their current form, would require that Title X services be physically and financially separate from abortion services" and could push some medical practice to "choose not to prescribe birth control pills or other Food and Drug Administration-approved methods of contraception."

Whistleblower Lawsuit Against Signature Healthcare Reveals $244 Million Fraud. The Tennessean (6/11, Kelman, 513K) reports on a whistleblower lawsuit filed against Signature Healthcare in which the provider was accused "of artificially inflating therapy time to maximize profits." The lawsuit "prompted Signature to sign a $30 million settlement to resolve the claims," but federal prosecutors in that settlement "say the total fraud was much larger – about $244 million." The piece quotes HHS Office of Inspector General special agent Derrick L. Jackson as saying, "Signature was charged with illegally boosting profits by providing excessive amounts of therapy to patients whether they needed it or not. ... The decision to provide therapy should never be based on corporate financial considerations rather than a patient's medical needs."

HHS Seeking Public Comment About How To Set Up A Workgroup To Encourage Innovation, Investment In Healthcare. In continuing coverage, ExecutiveGov (6/11, Crews) reports that HHS is seeking "comments on how to structure a workgroup to facilitate high-level discussions between HHS leaders and outside parties that support innovation or invest in the healthcare sector." A notice posted in the Federal Register last week said HHS intends "to create a workgroup to explore technological approaches to address healthcare challenges and drive communication activities meant to encourage industry competition."

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Many American Toddlers Exceed Recommended Added Sugar Intake For Adults, Study Suggests. USA Today (6/11, Carrig, 11.4M) reports a study by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests toddlers are consuming too much added sugar, with many actually exceeding adult recommendations. Investigators said that consuming foods with added sugar at such an early age can affect food preferences later in life. Lead study author Kirsten Herrick, a nutritional epidemiologist at the CDC, said, "Once kids start eating table food, they're often eating the same types of foods that Mom and Dad have in their diet, and other research has demonstrated that adults exceed recommendations for added sugar too."

Newsweek (6/11, 2.18M) reports the study suggests "99% of children aged between 19 to 23 months eat over seven teaspoons of added sugar each day on average." Also, results indicate that non-Hispanic black children aged between 12 to 23 months ate the most sugar, "while white children ate the least." Researchers analyzed "data from more than 800 infants and toddlers, aged between six and 23 months old, who took part in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey between 2011 and 2014." The findings were presented "at Nutrition 2018, the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition held in Boston."

CDC Data Reveal Severity Of Latest Flu Season. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/11, Daly, 507K) reports new data from the CDC show that this past flu season killed 172 children – "one more than the high set in 2012-13." According to the CDC, "about 80 percent of this season's pediatric deaths were in children who had not received a flu shot," the piece says, adding that local health officials experienced high rates of flu cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

The Scientist (6/11, Charuchandra, 153K) reports Daniel Jernigan, head of the CDC's flu division, said the flu season was "bad across the population" and that it "was happening to everyone, and it seemed to be happening everywhere."

Ebola Vaccines Could Signal Hope In Congo As Outbreak Continues. The AP (6/11, Mednick, Neergaard) reports health workers tackling the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo are offering a vaccine to impacted and at-risk populations, drawing international attention as onlookers wait "to see if a promising but still experimental vaccine might help stop this terrifying disease faster than traditional measures doctors have tried since Ebola was identified 40 years ago." However, even if it is effective, "there are serious hurdles" including logistical issues and gaining community trust. The article quotes CDC Ebola expert Dr. Pierre Rollin as saying, "People die every day and everywhere but nobody's interested. Suddenly because of Ebola people are interested and that makes you suspicious. ... Why would they trust us?"

STAT (6/11, Branswell, 27K) reports some experts "have watched with frustration the snail's pace progress of the efforts to study Ebola drugs during outbreaks," and many "are beginning to wonder if, with the advent of Ebola vaccines, the window for doing this kind of research may be closing for good." The piece says that within the scientific community, "There remain deeply divergent positions...about how to design outbreak trials," noting that "generating the human efficacy data that regulatory agencies like the Food and Drug Administration look for has been almost impossible."

Op-Ed: Trump's Reversal On Ebola Funding Cut Is Welcome News For Disease Prevention, Treatment Efforts. K. Riva Levinson, president and CEO of KRL International LLC, writes in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) that President Trump has deviated from his 2014 Twitter statements that America "cannot allow EBOLA infected people back" by electing to reinstate the $252 million he had previously rescinded from the International Disaster Assistance account. She says this will help the international community address issues that actors learned from the 2014 Ebola outbreak, during which the National Institute of Health assisted in leading response efforts.

Laser Eye Surgery May Be Riskier Than Many People Think, Research Suggests. The New York Times (6/11, Rabin, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports "roughly 9.5 million Americans have had laser eye surgery, lured by the promise of a quick fix ridding them of nettlesome glasses and contact lenses," but "serious questions remain about both the short- and long-term risks and the complications of this

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increasingly common procedure." The article highlights a trial conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, the National Eye Institute, and the Navy Refractive Surgery Center finding that "people who did not have dry eyes or visual aberrations before Lasik were at high risk for developing these problems." Research suggests "28 percent of these participants developed dry eyes after surgery, and 45 percent reported a new visual aberration three months after surgery." Dr. Malvina Eydelman, the study's lead author and the director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health's division of ophthalmic and ear, nose and throat devices, "said the researchers had concluded that the multimillion dollar trial was too small to produce meaningful results, and that the purpose of the study had shifted from determining how many patients have problems functioning to developing a questionnaire that might be used in future research."

Anheuser-Busch Cancels Funding For NIH Alcohol Study. The Scientist (6/11, Williams, 153K) reports Anheuser-Busch InBev announced on Friday that it no longer plans to assist in funding the National Institutes of Health's "study on the effects of moderate alcohol consumption," withdrawing its $15 million funding commitment. The piece says scientists with the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse, which is leading the $100 million study, "met with industry leaders and 'gave talks strongly suggesting that the study's results would endorse moderate drinking as healthy,'" according to the New York Times. The piece adds that NIH Director Francis Collins "announced that the agency was reviewing the process around funding for the trial and would determine whether it should proceed, and that enrollment had been suspended for the time being."

House To Vote On 34 Opioid Bills This Week. Congressional Quarterly (6/11, Raman, Subscription Publication) reports that on Tuesday the House "will begin a voting marathon on 34 bills designed to address the opioid epidemic," and while most are unlikely contentious, "two bills have previously stirred controversy." One bill set for a Friday vote "would create a new class on the controlled substances schedule for compounds related to fentanyl" and ease related prosecutions, but critics warn it could justify "broad bans on drugs and hinder drug research." National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow testified in April, "We need to have countermeasures, and the only way that we're going to have countermeasures is [by] doing research." CQ reports that the House will vote Thursday on a bill to help prevent the importation of synthetic opioids, but a rival bill in the Senate "would impose stricter requirements on" the US Postal Service and Customs and Border Protection "than the original House bill."

The Washington Times (6/11, Howell, 460K) reports that notable bills include Jessie's Law, which "orders the Health and Human Services Department to come up with best practices for hospitals and physicians to share the information" on consenting patient's record of drug addiction before prescribing treatment.

Boston Globe Highlights Work Of Alzheimer's Disease Researcher Focused On Preclinical Phase. In an over 2,800 word article, the Boston Globe (6/11, Kendall, 945K) highlights the work of Reisa Sperling, "one of the world's foremost researchers of Alzheimer's disease," who leads Brigham and Women's Hospital's Center for Alzheimer's Research and Treatment. Sperling's work focuses on the preclinical phase of Alzheimer's disease with the aim of better understanding the early stages of the disease "before significant memory problems set in." The article mentions that the National Institute on Aging has awarded a five-year $70 million grant to Sperling and her colleagues to "build a research infrastructure called the Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium, a network of 35 testing sites at academic medical centers across the country." Laurie Ryan, the leader of dementia research at the National Institute on Aging's Division of Neuroscience, said, "This should be a game changer."

Northwestern University Researcher Interviewed About Participating In NIH All Of Us Research Program. The Chicago Tribune (6/11, Schencker, 2.37M) reports on an interview with Northwestern University research assistant professor Joyce Ho, who discussed the university's role in the All of Us Research Program, noting that the Illinois Precision Medicine Consortium – of which the university is a member – "has received $51 million from the National Institutes of Health to gather

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data and samples from 93,000 volunteers over the next five years." Ho examined precision medicine's comprehensive approach to analyzing health, how the program will work, and its potential implications for the future of medical treatment.

Editorial: NCI Cancer Immunotherapy Study Has Applications For New Pittsburgh Therapy Center. In an editorial, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/12, 507K) applauds the findings of a recent study led by National Cancer Institute researcher Steven A. Rosenberg which showed "success in using a type of immunotherapy to treat metastatic breast cancer in a Florida woman." The Post-Gazette heralds the findings as the kind "of lifesaving [breakthrough] that could be possible at a new immunotherapy center planned for Pittsburgh" called the UPMC Immune Transplant and Therapy Center. The editorial says NCI researchers identified some of the woman's "immune cells that seemed able to fight the cancer, multiplied them and infused them into her." Rosenberg is quoted as saying, "All cancers have mutations, and that's what we're attacking with this immunotherapy. ... It is ironic that the very mutations that cause the cancer may prove to be the best targets to treat the cancer."

House Panel Questions FDA's Efforts To Track Illegal Opioids. Reuters (6/11, Lynch) reports members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee sent a letter to Food and Drug Administrator Scott Gottlieb questioning whether the agency was "doing enough to stop the flow of illegal drugs" into the US as the nation battles the opioid epidemic. Republican Chairman Greg Walden (OR) and ranking Democrat Frank Pallone (NJ) wrote, "We have concerns about whether the FDA is appropriately devoting its resources to prioritize these efforts against unapproved opioids." FDA spokeswoman Lyndsay Meyer confirmed the agency received the letter and planned to respond.

Experts Describe Federal Efforts To Prevent Foodborne Illnesses. The Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal (6/11, Robinson, 111K) interviewed federal regulators and food-safety experts and surveyed public health data in an ongoing investigation of foodborne illness. Dr. Stephen Ostroff, FDA deputy commissioner for foods, explained that with an outbreak, the task of sourcing breakouts is akin to an incomplete puzzle, saying, "the product that was consumed is no longer available to test and that makes it so much more difficult, even if we can trace it back through supply chain." The article notes that the "FDA conducted about 156,000 food-safety inspections across the country between 2010 and 2017," pointing out labeling gaps and that "insect, bird or vermin contamination was the most common critical deficiency."

Federal Court Bars Mississippi Compounding Pharmacy From Making, Distributing Drugs. The Jackson (MS) Clarion Ledger (6/11, 287K) reports that the Justice Department announced that a federal court has barred a compounding pharmacy, Delta Pharma Inc in Ridley, Mississippi, and two of its officers from distributing adulterated drugs under a consent decree. The defendants cannot manufacture, hold, or distribute drugs until the FDA notifies them in writing that "they appear to be in compliance with...specific remedial measures." Last year, the FDA uncovered "numerous unsanitary conditions" during an inspection, prompting the legal case.

The Washington Times (6/11, Mordock, 460K) reports the FDA inspectors "noted numerous unsanitary practices including using tubes that may not have been sterilized to process drugs" and "did not take steps to ensure chemicals or particles from the tubes would contaminate the medicines, according to court documents."

OPIOID CRISIS

Naloxone Use To Expand Among Police Departments, School Campuses In San Diego County. The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/7, Hernandez, 664K) reports that "almost all police departments in" San Diego County "intend to supply their officers with naloxone, including the police forces for some universities and colleges," amid "efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths." The article spotlights police departments in San Diego County that have "stocked up on naloxone in the past year," and notes that "the drug is available to school resource officers" at some schools.

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Former Sen. Bill Frist Highlights Cigna's Efforts To End Opioid Epidemic. In an op-ed in The Tennessean (6/11, 513K), Bill Frist, a former Senate majority leader in Middle Tennessee, states that "private sector health insurers...have a role to play" in ending the opioid epidemic, highlighting Cigna as "a company that is demonstrating real leadership" in this effort. Frist states Cigna "recently announced that it achieved a 25% reduction in opioid use among its customers," and "the gains were achieved through collaboration with 1.1 million prescribing clinicians using an integrated analysis of pharmacy, medical, and mental health benefits to personalize the level of customer care." Frist says that it is also necessary to educate physicians on "non-addictive alternatives to manage pain," change "federal reimbursement rates that incentivize opioid prescribing over non-addictive alternatives," make it easier for people to access and afford addiction rehabilitation and mental health treatment, and facilitate treatment for people who have active addictions.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Word Choice May Be Indicative Of Depression, Studies Involving Linguistic Analysis Programs Suggest. The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Bernstein, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that according to certain linguistic analysis programs, particular words may indicate someone is suffering from depression, based on findings from several studies published in psychological journals.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

Drugmaker Reboots Female Libido Drug At Half Price. Bloomberg News (6/11, Koons, 4.46M) reports Sprout Pharmaceuticals is relaunching its drug, Addyi, the "first-ever" FDA "approved drug for low libido in women," at a price point that is half of what it once was. Bloomberg points out that the price cut is "a rare step" in the industry, as "drugs typically go up in price on an annual basis, sometimes even twice a year." The "prescription carries a boxed warning" that requires women taking Addyi "to sign an agreement acknowledging the risk of drinking while taking the drug."

Drug Pricing Advocates Condemn Democrats For Supporting Drug Industry. STAT Plus (6/11, Mershon, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports 50 congressional Democrats endorsed a letter which a drug pricing advocacy group, Patients for Affordable Drugs, claims advances the pharmaceutical industry's "talking points." The advocacy group responded by letter Monday to House Speaker Paul Ryan, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and the 50 Democrats "condemning" their support for changing the "financial liability in the so-called 'donut hole,'" which is one of the industry's "chief lobbying priorities."

HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE REFORM

Dems, Who Once Shied Away From Healthcare, Are Hoping The Issue Will Propel Them To Victory In The Midterms. The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Barabak, 4.03M) reports that for years, Democrats have been shying away from the issue of healthcare "as though it were a heap of flaming rubble, which, politically speaking, it was." They lost control of Congress after the ACA was passed. But new polls indicate support for the ACA is "increasing as it becomes more imperiled, and the result has been a political sea change." The article says criticism of "GOP repeal efforts has emboldened Democrats, who think they can seize back the House, dramatically expand coverage and turn healthcare from an albatross to an advantage even in red states like Idaho, with the help of Republicans like Christy Perry."

Trump's Opposition To Parts Of New VA Healthcare Law May Endanger Its Implementation. Joe Davidson writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Power Post" blog that President Trump said he was "very happy" to sign the VA Mission Act, which seeks to improve veterans' healthcare. Since then, however, Trump has expressed dissatisfaction with portions of the law, and the Administration has "sent Congress a memo outlining objections

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to proposed funding measures for the new program." According to a top Democrat, these "objections could lead the Department of Veterans Affairs to 'cannibalize itself.'" Davidson adds that the new law includes "sweeping, historic changes," as Trump said, yet "how the job gets done is now open to question because of the signing statement Trump issued after his Rose Garden statement and the administration's opposition to certain funding measures."

Experts Caution Against Use Of Cheaper Outpatient Surgical Centers. Dr. Dhruv Khullar and Austin Frakt, director of the Partnered Evidence-Based Policy Resource Center at the VA Boston Healthcare System, write in the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) "The Upshot" blog that while "cost variation across care settings has led policymakers to consider paying more evenly for medical services regardless of where they're delivered, and to shift care from expensive, high-intensity settings to cheaper, low-intensity ones," a study of Medicare hospitalizations "found that almost all patients are more likely to survive at teaching hospitals, which tend to be more expensive." Khullar and Frakt explain that "sometimes more is more." Outpatient surgical centers do not always have the resources and staff needed to handle potential complications, and teaching hospitals have more advanced technologies, "subspecialty expertise, more clinicians involved in care, and greater availability of ancillary services." Additionally, "research suggests that hospitals that spend more and do more may have better patient outcomes and lower mortality rates."

Less Than 10% Of American Adults Get Recommended Preventive Healthcare, Study Indicates. Reuters (6/11, Lehman) reports that according to a new study surveying nearly 2,800 American adults over age 35, "only 8 percent were getting all of the highly recommended preventive services with the greatest potential for improving health." Reuters explains the survey included questions "about the receipt of 15 high-priority preventive services including blood pressure and cholesterol checks, screening for osteoporosis and several cancers, counseling on tobacco use, obesity, alcohol use and depression, plus vaccinations and aspirin use." The study was published online June 4 in Health Affairs.

Cisco, Other Large US Employers Trying To Manage Workers' Health To Control Costs. Reuters (6/11, Humer) reports that Cisco Systems, Inc. is among "a handful of large American employers who are getting more deeply involved in managing their workers' health instead of looking to insurers to do it." Last year, the company "began offering its employees a plan it negotiated directly with nearby Stanford Health medical system," and a clinic is located at Cisco's San Jose campus. Reuters adds that other large companies, such as Amazon.com Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. are "closely watching" whether these efforts pay off.

Opinion: Supreme Court Leaning In Favor Of Pro-Life Cause. Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, writes in an analysis for the Washington Examiner (6/11, 340K) that two recent Supreme Court actions "indicate there are winds blowing in favor of the pro-life cause." On May 29, the Court "declined to hear a case that sought to overturn an Arkansas law on chemical abortion" which "requires abortion providers to have contracts with physicians who have hospital admitting privileges." On June 4, "the justices unanimously vacated an order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that had allowed a pregnant, undocumented minor in federal custody to have an abortion back in October."

Midwest Has Fewest Abortion Clinics Per Woman Than Any Other Region, Study Indicates. The Chicago Tribune (6/7, Lourgas, 2.37M) reports a new study published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research found that the Midwest has fewer abortion clinics than any other region in the United States based on the population of women of child-bearing age. According to the article, "Illinois – often referred to as an oasis for abortion care in the middle of the country – had an estimated 25 clinics, roughly one for every 120,135 women of reproductive age. In neighboring Wisconsin, by comparison, researchers found three facilities providing abortions, about one for every 423,590 women."

Air Ambulance Companies Leave Patients With High Bills. Bloomberg News

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(6/11, Tozzi, 4.46M) reports on the growing size of the air ambulance fleet in the US and the increasing cost of using an air ambulance for medical emergencies. Air ambulance operators believe that because "US government health programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, don't cover their expenses, they must ask others to pay more – and when health plans balk, patients get stuck with the tab." As a result of "favorable treatment under federal law," air-ambulance companies have "few restrictions on what they can charge for their services" and "states have no power to put in place their own curbs." According to the article, Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) has "introduced legislation that would roll back the special status of air-ambulance companies." In addition, the FAA reauthorization bill passed by the House in April "would make medical services provided by air ambulances subject to state regulation."

Commentary Considers Health Reform. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

In an editorial, the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) argues that Democrats who hope "to make health care a centerpiece of midterm election campaigns just got a gift from the Trump administration," as the Justice Department has "declined to defend the Affordable Care Act against a lawsuit filed by 20 Republican-led states," and is "arguing for the repeal of enormously popular consumer protections, including coverage of pre-existing conditions." The Times concludes, "Add this latest move to a growing list of similar efforts – eliminating the mandate tax penalty to begin with, allowing more short-term plans on the market – and it becomes clear where the administration's priorities lie: not in helping more Americans get good health care, not even in supporting the will of the people, but in dismantling what some political opponents built, just for the sake of doing so."

Catherine Rampell writes in her column in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that "if the GOP really thinks gutting protections for people with preexisting health conditions is good policy, they should pass a damn law." Rampell points out that Republicans passed "literally dozens" of bills repealing the ACA while President Obama was in office, but then they "chickened out" last year "because they feared the blowback from voters." Unable to take such action legislatively, the Trump Administration is attempting to have the courts declare that protections for pre-existing conditions are unconstitutional, she argues. Rampell calls all of the Republican lawmakers who are "keeping their heads down" amid these moves "cowards."

Jennifer Rubin writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "Right Turn" blog that after failing to repeal the ACA, President Trump and congressional Republicans "have decided to make it worse and help states get rid of it in the courts." She argues, "As a policy matter, their approach will cause hardship to Americans, especially rural Trump voters; as a political matter, it defies logic." Rubin adds that "everything the Trump administration has done with regard to the ACA is designed to raise prices. Republicans' refusal to reverse these steps will surely be fodder for Democrats in the midterms."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) analyzes the position Republican candidates find themselves in after failing to repeal the Affordable Care Act and with premiums expected to rise by double-digit percentage points in the run-up to the midterm elections. The Journal argues that despite finger-pointing by Democrats, the problems stem from the structure of the law itself, not the actions of the Trump Administration or the repeal of the individual mandate.

Michael Hiltzik writes in his Los Angeles Times (6/11, 4.03M) column that legal experts "who pay attention to the courthouse fortunes of the Affordable Care Act could tell something weird and bad was in the wind last Thursday, when three career attorneys at the Department of Justice abruptly withdrew from the team defending the law against a right-wing attack by Texas and 19 other red states." Hiltzik asks, "Just how indefensible does an argument in a government brief have to be to cause all the career litigators...to withdraw?" He says while it may not be unusual for the government to refuse to defend a federal law, "it may be unprecedented for virtually the entire legal team representing the government in a case to withdraw en masse."

Corey R. Lewandowski, who served as a campaign manager to Donald J. Trump, writes in an op-ed for The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) that President Trump "inherited a mess from his predecessors." The biggest issue "is an entitlement time bomb that is soon to explode the national debt. Thankfully, President Trump is up for the task of entitlement reform." Lewandowski adds that a

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conservative group has recommended that Congress "raise Social Security and Medicare retirement ages to account for increased life expectancies and work capacities; transition to a flat, anti-poverty benefit for future beneficiaries so that the programs do not pay the highest benefits to those with the least need; and reduce the payroll tax to allow individuals to save more on their own for retirement and disability."

The New York Daily News (6/8, 3.71M) says in an editorial after failing to get Congress to repeal the ACA, the Trump Administration now wants "a judge to undo the rest of the law through the courts." The paper argues, "This is a brazen act of executive overreach. If it succeeds, it will endanger the coverage of thousands of sick Americans."

Contributor Sally Pipes writes in a Forbes (6/11, 10.34M) piece that in 2017, "Canada's single-payer healthcare system forced over 1 million patients to wait for necessary medical treatments." This was a new record. Pipes argues that long, costly "delays are the norm in Canada and other single-payer nations, which ration care to keep costs down. Yet more and more Democratic leaders are pushing for a single-payer system – and more and more voters are clamoring for one."

Charles Wallner, executive director of the Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, writes in a Cincinnati Enquirer (6/11, 246K) op-ed that healthcare access through Medicaid "has been critical in helping Ohioans to enter the workforce and supporting them in their work." The state "should be focused on strengthening residents' connection to the preventive care and treatment that keeps them healthy and connected to the workforce. Instead, Ohio is pursuing a bad idea dressed up as health care reform."

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (6/11) editorializes that in 1992, West Virginia formed a study group to look at allowing anyone to buy into its Public Employees Insurance Agency. The editorial suggests the state should return to the idea once again because it could provide an economical "single-payer health care for everyone." The editorial argues that Republicans in Washington, DC, "aren't interested in fixing this" and the state should address health coverage on its own.

HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

Experts: Don't Let Social Security Solvency Fears Affect Claiming Decision. CNBC (6/11, 4.81M) reports the "Social Security Board of Trustees said the trust funds that help support the system will run out of money in 2034," but "experts say you should not let fear about the program's future affect your eventual claiming decision." They say they expect Congress to act to address that issue, and that retirees and near-retirees are unlikely to be affected. Additionally, if nothing is done, it won't be good, but it result in payouts of 75 to 80 cents on the dollar, not a complete stop of payments.

Compromise Social Security Reforms Suggested. Robert Pozen, a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management, in an op-ed in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M), predicts that, "given the intense hostility between the parties, they are not likely to agree on a compromise package of reforms before Social Security is on the brink of insolvency" in 2034. Still, Pozen suggests a "compromise package of reforms" that include "a 2 percent surcharge on all earnings above the maximum earnings subject to the payroll tax without raising benefits"; increasing the "normal retirement age to 68 around 2040," indexing to increases in life expectancy; and "in calculating initial benefits at retirement, phase in a formula based on consumer price index growth over a worker's career for the top third of earners, who have other retirement plans subsidized by taxes and corporations."

Social Security Said To Face "Manageable Financing Shortfall." Alicia H. Munnell writes in a column in MarketWatch (6/11, 1.49M), "The 2018 Social Security Trustees Report, released last week, shows that the program faces a 75-year deficit of 2.84 percent of taxable payrolls – virtually unchanged from last year's projection of 2.83." The deficits are partly due to "a worsening of economic assumptions" and "persistent increases in disability rolls." Munnell concludes, "Social Security faces a manageable financing shortfall over the next 75 years, which should be addressed soon to share the burden more equitably across cohorts, to restore confidence in the nation's major retirement program, and to give people time to adjust to needed changes."

Johns Hopkins Lecturer Calls For Social Security Changes. Johns Hopkins University

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School of Advanced International Studies senior lecturer Jason J. Fichtner, in an op-ed in CQ Roll Call (DC) (6/11, 117K), writes that the Social Security crisis "is already well upon us." He warns, "To ensure that Social Security remains viable for the most vulnerable in our society, policymakers must soon address its severe and urgent financial challenges." Fichtner calls for "bipartisan policy solutions," recommending reforms suggested by "an expansive project housed at the Bipartisan Policy Center" that would "improve retirement security and personal savings."

Ryan Making One Last Push To Overhaul TANF, SNAP Before He Retires From Congress. Congressional Quarterly (6/11, McPherson, Subscription Publication) reports House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) "has spent his 20-year congressional career primarily focused on two issues, taxes and poverty." He "led a major rewrite of the tax code last year, but when he retires at the end of this term he won't have many accomplishments to tout on poverty." The article says "Ryan is spending his final year in office making one last anti-poverty push." That is why the House is mulling "another overhaul to TANF [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families], as well as major changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), otherwise known as food stamps."

Jefferson County Decision To Forfeit Head Start Funding Resulted In The Loss Of Family Advocate Jobs. The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (6/11, McLaren, 419K) reports that after the Jefferson County Public School board in Kentucky voted in late May to abandon its "beleaguered" Head Start program, half a dozen young women walked out of the meeting "out of work, no longer contracted by the district to support preschool students and their families," even after Superintendent Marty Pollio said no jobs would be lost. The positions, known as family advocates, are required by the federal Head Start and Early Head Start programs, both of which serve children from low-income households. According to the article, "though the positions will exist if another organization scoops up the Head Start grant forfeited by JCPS, the women's shock illustrated how many in Jefferson County were caught off-guard by the district's decision to forfeit $15 million in federal grant money and a program that serves the community's most vulnerable kids."

CBP Commissioner Discusses Illegal Border Crossings During Interview. The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Hennessy-Fiske, 4.03M) runs an interview with US Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan "during his visit to agents in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the epicenter of migration in recent years." McAleenan tells the Times, "We've had consistent levels of apprehensions and inadmissible crossing since March. March and April were pretty much level at 50,000, both between apprehensions between ports of entry at that 36,000-37,000 level, and inadmissibles arriving at ports of entry between 12,000 and 13,000. So we remain day to day at those levels, which presents a number of challenges operationally." McAleenan adds that "it's too early to say what the increased ability to apply consequences for crossing the border illegally – what effect that will have on the traffic coming towards us."

Louisiana Child Care Program Improved Controls, Auditor Says. The AP (6/12) says a report issued Monday by Louisiana Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera's office "says the education department has enacted most of the recommendations made by auditors to track spending on the Child Care Assistance Program." A 2012 audit of the program when it was managed by the Department of Children and Family Services identified $46,000 in improper payments, but the education department, "which took control in 2015, trimmed improper payments to about $24,000."

FOOD & IMPORT SAFETY

Opinion: Labeling Requirements Drive Up Costs For Consumers. Richard Berman, president of the public relations firm Berman and Co., writes for the Washington Times (6/11, 460K) that "the Coalition for Accurate Product Labels reports that in the first half of 2018, 11 states introduced close to three dozen proposals for warning labels or ingredient disclosures that went beyond national standards, and in many cases exceeded the bounds of known evidence." Arguing that labels "have landed us in a regulatory muck of meaningless

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warnings and unnecessary added costs to businesses, which are inevitably passed on to consumers," Berman denounces San Francisco's 2015 ordinance on labeling of sugar-sweetened beverages, noting that the FDA recognizes that "added sugars can be a part of a healthy dietary pattern."

Tyson To Recall 3,120 Pounds Of Breaded Chicken Over Plastic Contamination. USA Today (6/11, Price, 11.4M) reports the "U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Friday Tyson must recall 3,120 pounds of frozen breaded chicken tenders." The company informed FSIS on Friday that "the breading of the frozen, uncooked chicken tenders may have been contaminated with foreign material in the form of blue and clear soft plastic," the article says. FSIS classified the health risk as "low."

Tennessee E. Coli Outbreak Leaves Six Children Hospitalized, Two In Serious Condition. The Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (6/11, Gosnell, 252K) reports that East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) is still treating six children following a recent E. coli outbreak associated with raw milk and contact with farm animals. "Two of the children are in the pediatric intensive care unit in serious condition, ETCH spokeswoman Erica Estep said Monday." In a Monday update, the Knox County Health Department said, "While it would be rare, it's possible that our community is experiencing two unrelated E. coli clusters at the same time," adding, "The common link among the majority of those who are ill continues to be consumption of raw milk from a local cow-share dairy, French Broad Farm in Knox County."

Arizona Family Awarded $1.95 Million In Foster Farms Salmonella Case. In a 2,700-word feature, the Arizona Republic (6/11, White, 1.21M) reports Arizona couple Amanda and James Craten were awarded $1.95 million in a lawsuit against Foster Farms over the near-death of toddler Noah, who "was hospitalized in 2013 with an abscess in his brain as a result of a salmonella infection" linked to chicken produced by the farm. The article chronicles the ordeal and describes the likely infection vector.

MEDICAID & CHIP

Ohio Decides Not To Implement Five-Percent Cut To Medicaid Reimbursement For Hospitals. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/11, Hancock, 1.03M) reports that Ohio "has canceled a planned $1.1 billion...Medicaid cut to hospitals, saying an uptick in the economy and reshuffling money in the health care program has prevented the reduction." Officials explained that this was due to the fact that "the number of people enrolled and the amount of money it has cost to cover their health care was lower than state projections." The article says the state had been mulling a five-percent cut to Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals that "treat some 3 million program recipients who qualify based on their incomes, health conditions and disabilities, among other factors."

Nursing Homes, Assisted-Living Facilities Suing Montana Over Medicaid Reimbursement Cuts. The AP (6/11, Volz) reports that on Monday, several nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in Montana "sued the state...to halt cuts to their reimbursements for providing care to Medicaid patients, cuts that have caused other Medicaid providers to curtail services or close altogether." The article says that in January, the state Department of Public Health and Human Services reduced "the Medicaid provider reimbursement rates...as part of spending reductions across state government aimed at closing a budget shortfall." The state wants to extend the 2.99-percent cut through the next fiscal year which begins in July, but the facilities "are asking a judge to block the cut, reinstate the 2017 rate and to reimburse them for the approximately $3 million that they have lost since January because of the reduction."

Montana Public Radio (6/11, Yamanaka) reports the Montana Health Care Association and "some of its members" filed the lawsuit. Executive director of the Montana Health Care Association Rose Hughes "said these cuts mean families are being denied services when they seek help from assisted living facilities."

New Hampshire Substance Abuse, Mental Health Treatment Providers Worried About Proposed Cuts To Medicaid Reimbursement. The Concord

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(NH) Monitor (6/11, DeWitt, 35K) reports, "Without some action, the state's newly approved Medicaid expansion program could saddle substance abuse and mental health treatment providers with lower payouts that could force cuts to staffing and services around January, when the law takes effect, they say." The article says New Hampshire legislators voted last month to extend Medicaid expansion for another five years. These providers are worried because of "a change that was intended as an improvement." The new deal stipulates that "recipients will receive care through managed care organizations – an insurance alternative designed to reduce health care costs." This means the current "daily rate of $300 to $500 per patient would drop to $162.60 a day."

Michigan Governor Signs Bill To Repeal, Replace Tax That Funds Medicaid. The AP (6/11) reports Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) on Monday "signed into law a plan to repeal and replace Michigan's tax on health insurance claims that is used to help fund Medicaid for low-income residents." The measures "require the state to seek a federal waiver to implement the tax change. The waiver is expected to be approved."

Fate Of Medicaid Expansion In Maine May Depend On Outcome Of November Election For Governor. Dylan Scott writes in a Vox (6/11, 1.66M) piece that a majority of Maine voters approved "Medicaid expansion last November, but it still hasn't happened yet. And it may just be their vote to choose the next governor that finally finishes the job." Scott says Gov. Paul LePage (R), who will soon leave office, has used every means "at his disposal to stop Maine from expanding Medicaid to 70,000 of Maine's poorest residents," despite voters' expressed wish to expand the program. Scott adds that advocates of Medicaid expansion "are pursuing legal action against LePage to force him into implementing it quickly," however, "if courts don't rule in their favor or if the fight drags out, the fate of Medicaid expansion is very much at stake in the fall election."

HEALTH & MEDICAL NEWS

Young Women Get Less Exercise Than Young Men, Study Suggests. The NPR (6/11, Watson, 3.55M) "Shots" blog provides coverage of a study by researchers at Duke University suggesting that young women, particularly black women, get less exercise than young men, and that women's "exercise rates drop significantly after high school." Offering possible explanations why young women's exercise rates are lower than young men, one researcher not involved with the study said, "I think our society culturally sends different messages to young girls in terms of their bodies and how they spend their time... A lot of teen girl socialization is less focused on being physically active together, whether it's teen sports, or pick up games, or even going to the gym." In terms of why black women are affected disproportionately, one study author said, "We know that there is an unequal distribution of things like athletic fields [and] high schools that serve more minority populations are less resourced...I think that's just compounded when people leave the structured school environment." The findings were published in JAMA Pediatrics.

The Washington Times (6/11, Kelly, 460K) reports the study found that "45% of black females age 18 to 24 years reported no physical activity," and that "black females age 25 to 29 reported a little over a half hour of activity per day." Moreover, "White adolescent males were most likely to report any physical activity and younger age, being white, and having a higher income was associated with more time dedicated to exercise." The study authors wrote, "These data highlight opportunities for targeted physical activity programming and policy efforts to reduce the risk for chronic diseases and improve overall health throughout the lifespan."

Additional coverage is provided by The Guardian (UK) (6/11, Davis, 4.03M).

Research Explores Why People Get "Hangry." USA Today (6/11, Molina, 11.4M) reports that research published in Emotion suggests "environmental cues and a person's emotional awareness can decide whether someone becomes 'hangry.'"

Newsweek (6/11, Gander, 2.18M) reports that researchers came to this conclusion after conducting "two online experiments on 400 participants."

TIME (6/11, Sifferlin, 19.27M) reports that study co-author Kristen Lindquist said, "Despite the colloquial term 'hanger,' we found that this

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effect was not specific to anger." Lindquist added, "People in our studies were more likely to feel intense negativity in general when they were hungry and something bad happened – suggesting that feeling hungry can turn up the dial on lots of negative emotions such as anger, stress or disgust." Also covering the story is the NPR (6/11, Chen, 3.55M) "Shots" blog.

Erectile Dysfunction May Be Linked To Increased Risk Of Heart Disease, Study Suggests. TIME (6/11, Park, 19.27M) reports that research published in Circulation suggests erectile dysfunction may be linked to a higher risk of heart disease. Investigators found that "among a group of 1,900 men aged 60 to 78, those with erectile dysfunction were twice as likely as men without the condition to have a heart attack, stroke, or die of a heart problem."

The New York Post (6/11, Gollayan, 4.46M) reports that Michael Blaha, a co-author of the study, said, "The onset of ED should prompt men to seek comprehensive cardiovascular risk evaluation from a preventive cardiologist."

HealthDay (6/11, Mozes, 10K) reports, "The link between impotence and heart disease appears to be 'a two-way street,' Blaha said, given that men who have had a heart attack appear to face a higher risk for ED."

Healthy Lifestyle Associated With Improved Memory In Old Age, Study Indicates. Xinhua News Agency (CHN) (6/12, 11K) reports on a Finnish study showing that "a healthy lifestyle, including physical exercises, brain stimulants and healthy diet," has the potential to "improve brain health and prevent late-age memory disorders." The investigation, published Monday, examined 1,262 Finns over the age of 60 with an increased risk for memory disorders. "The control group had nearly 30 percent of the increased risk of deteriorating memory functions, while those who received intensive guidance had improved mental ability and physical performance," Xinhua reports. The research was part of the Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability.

Millennial Men And Women Invest Differently, PNC Survey Reveals. In an exclusive, USA Today (6/12, Shell, 11.4M) reports on the insights highlighted in PNC Investments' 2018 Millennials & Investing Survey. "Nearly seven out of 10 (67%) female Millennials, for example, said their parents encouraged them to 'save' money, versus just 58% of males," and similarly, "only 29% of females surveyed said their parents 'showed (them) ways to grow wealth.'" By contrast, "37% of males said their financial education was focused on wealth-building, the survey found." USA Today reports the men surveyed "demonstrated a more aggressive approach to risk taking than their female peers," with 14 percent saying they "embrace risk," double the percentage of women who said they welcomed risk.

Morningstar Analyst Supports State-Sponsored Auto-Enrollment For Retirement Savings. MarketWatch (6/11, Vlastelica, 1.49M) reports Aron Szapiro, director of policy research at Morningstar, says that government incentive programs for retirement investing "could dramatically increase the number of Americans who participate in retirement programs, at minimal cost to taxpayers," and he "stressed that such incentives should be considered, noting the dire state of savings." He adds that auto-enrollment in such plans "is the most powerful tool we've ever seen," adding that "that this kind of regulation was far more effective in getting individuals to contribute than tax incentives."

Tallahassee Targeting Multigenerational Families To Increase Retiree Draw. The New York Times (6/8, Olson, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported Tallahassee, Florida is not seeing the same growth as the rest of the state, and a "key part" of its efforts to "attract new residents" targets retirees with "some unusual tactics – including subsidizing a few people to move there." A new campaign called "Choose Tallahassee" is recruiting "baby boomers who are hitting retirement age and looking to move someplace warmer and more affordable but who may not have thought of Tallahassee" compared to other destinations. Its campaigns are separately targeting boomers who "live elsewhere" and their children who live in Tallahassee, each promoting the benefits of having the other closer: for the boomers, the advantages of tech support and labor provided by nearby adult children; and for residents, the

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benefits of parents in proximity, such as free childcare.

Ford Works On Self-Driving Delivery Service With Postmates. Fortune (6/11, Corbett, 3.91M) reports that Ford is working on developing a self-driving delivery service program with Postmates. Currently, the pilot program offers delivery options from more than 70 businesses in Miami and Miami Beach, "with the option of having the order delivered in a self-driving research vehicle." The article explains that the vehicles used in the pilot are not autonomous, but instead "are manually driven cars with sensors that are being used to research the first and last mile of the delivery service."

Experts Worried About Unproven Tesla Self-Driving Features. The Washington Post (6/11, Harwell, 15.68M) reports Tesla CEO Elon Musk tweeted that in August the company's cars will activate "full self-driving features," although a company spokesman said that does not mean full autonomy. Meanwhile, "safety experts worried the grand promises of full self-driving capabilities could lull drivers into a false sense of security for technologies that are still largely unproven on the road."

Uber-Like Flight Hailing Service Skyryde Starts Service In Los Angeles. The Washington Post (6/11, Kunkle, 15.68M) reports on the launch of Skyryde, an "Uber-like flight-hailing service," in Los Angeles. Skyryde is using small planes that have "four to six seats and instrumentation that allows pilots to fly in everything but the most extreme weather." Skyryde launched its services on April 20 and has been used by 16 passengers since its inception. According to Skyryde Founder Jerome Brenndon Adkins, "a typical Skyryde flight might take a passenger from the University of California at Los Angeles to Long Beach" at a fare of around $300. Adkins "hopes that the same concepts pioneered by Uber...will lower Skyryde's price from what might seem exorbitant now to something closer to $100." An FAA spokesman said that the agency is aware of the service and "the venture appears to have passed regulatory muster in several respects."

Researchers Create Virtual Reality Platform To Help Children Cope With Doctor's Appointment Anxiety. U.S. News & World Report (6/11, 1.97M) contributor Jeremy Patterson from the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital discusses how virtual reality can help children deal with nervousness or anxiety during a doctor's appointment. Patterson explains that researchers at the Institute have created a "first-of-its-kind VR platform called Voxel Bay," which "provides patients with an immersive environment of penguins, pirates and dragons during infusions and other procedures." Additionally, the system's headsets are "built for purpose and are a fun part of the experience." VR games are installed "onto smartphones, so they're wireless, and nurses or families can follow the progress of the games by watching a tablet and adjust if the patient needs more distraction."

Feeding Children Honey After Swallowing A Small Battery Can Prevent Serious Injury, Study Suggests. The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/11, Giordano, 1.07M) reports "a team of pediatric ear, nose, and throat specialists from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Nationwide Children's Hospital has discovered that giving a child honey to eat after he or she has swallowed a small battery can prevent serious injury and possibly even death." Study authors explained, "Our recommendation would be for parents and caregivers to give honey at regular intervals before a child is able to reach a hospital, while clinicians in a hospital can use sucralfate before removing the battery." The findings, which "will be incorporated into the National Capital Poison Center's guidelines for management of button battery ingestions," were published in The Laryngoscope.

Science Blog (6/11) also reports.

Physician Advises Parents To Keep Kids Safe While Swimming. Dr. Perri Klass writes for the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) that "even if kids have had swim lessons, parents must still supervise them in the water." Dr. Klass quotes Dr. Benjamin Hoffman, who is the chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention, as saying, "Infant swim is not a drowning prevention exercise," because children are developing water competence in swimming lessons. Dr. Klass notes

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that until 2010 the AAP advised against swimming lessons for children under the age of four due to concerns that "parents whose young children take swimming lessons will be lulled into a false sense of security," but after a 2009 study by researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the AAP recognized "that swimming lessons for young children were not a risk and might be protective – as long as parents continued to be protective as well."

Using Prophylactic NSAIDs Before And After Cataract Surgery May Reduce Development Of Cystoid Macular Edema In Diabetic Patients, Study Suggests. MD Magazine (6/11, DiSanto) reports researchers found "that using prophylactic non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) pre- and post-cataract surgery may help reduce the severity and frequency of the development of cystoid macular edema (CME) in the eyes of diabetic patients." The findings were "published in the International Journal of Ophthalmology."

Young Surgeons Face High Debt, Financial Instability, Study Suggests. Reuters (6/11, Crist) says a new study published in the American College of Surgeons found that "young surgeons often face debt burdens that make it difficult for them to start their careers and pay off their loans." According to the study, "more than one in three, or 38 percent, reported more than $200,000 in educational debt. When non-student loan debt, mortgage liability, vehicle debt, and credit card debt were factored in, the average trainee owed more than $220,000." Overall, the researchers found that 82 percent of respondents had moderate- or high-risk debt-to-asset ratios.

Opinion: Retail Health Clinics Set The Stage For Today's Mega-Mergers. Hal Rosenbluth and Peter Miller, co-founders of Take Care Health Systems, write in STAT (6/11, 27K) about retail health clinics and say that "the media spotlight is on some of health care's giants as they jockey for position around the themes that retail clinics set in motion." The duo argue that any major mega-merger must focus on aligning incentives, educating consumers on healthcare, and accommodate the social determinants of health.

Tick Paralysis Strikes Five-Year-Old In Mississippi. The Washington Post (6/11, Wootson, 15.68M) reports on a five-year-old girl in Mississippi who woke up one morning unable to walk. Her mother found a tick on her head and took her to a hospital where she was diagnosed with tick paralysis, a condition that is caused by female ticks on the verge of laying eggs. After the tick eats a blood meal and is engorged, it secretes a neurotoxin into the host. According to the Post, "paralysis begins in the legs, then spreads to the upper extremities. It can manifest as fatigue, numbness and an increasing inability to move," and in the later stages, if no action is taken, "the toxin ultimately makes it impossible for a person to breathe, resulting in respiratory failure." The article says the child quickly recovered after the tick was removed.

Red Cross Blood Drive Campaign Sees Major Brands Dropping A, B, and O From Their Names. NBC News (6/11, Fox, 5.76M) reports on its website that major brands are dropping the letters A, B, and O in their logos to support the Red Cross's new blood drive campaign starting Monday. "Without A, B and O, we can't save anybody," the Red Cross says, adding, "Each year, fewer and fewer people are donating blood." According to the article, "only about 38 percent of the population is even eligible to give blood, and only about 10 percent of those people – that's 3 percent of the population – give blood yearly."

KKR To Buy Envision Healthcare For $5.57 Billion. In continuing coverage, Bloomberg News (6/11, Mittelman, 4.46M) reports that KKR & Co. will buy Envision Healthcare Corp. for $46 a share "after an almost yearlong sale process for the medical company." The article says, "The all-cash deal values Envision at $5.57 billion. Including debt, the acquisition is valued at $9.9 billion."

Also reporting are the Associated Press (6/11) and Bloomberg View (6/11, Sutherland, 4.46M).

Surgeons Use 3D-Printed Organs To Determine Best Way To Operate. The Washington Post (6/8, Blakemore, 15.68M) reports that surgeons are using 3D-printed organs to figure out the best way to operate on patients. Using CT scans that are manipulated via special

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software, a team of engineers creates a model that replicates the organ and use computer models predict how blood flow would respond to each patient's unique anatomy. The process helps physicians decide how best to approach the surgery, according to the Post.

Legacy Of Racism Hurting Health Of African Americans. In a 7,543-word feature in The Atlantic (6/11, 3.08M), Olga Khazan writes about "how African Americans became stuck in profoundly unhealthy neighborhoods, and...how the legacy of racism can literally take years off their lives." In the US, "black people suffer disproportionately from some of the most devastating health problems," but, excepting a few specific ailments, scientists believe the underlying causes aren't genetic but "social and environmental forces that affect African Americans more than most other groups." Khazan adds, "America's racist and segregationist history continues to harm black people in the most intimate of ways – seeping into their lungs, their blood, even their DNA."

South Carolina Primary Vote To Gauge "Temperature" Of Electorate. The Greenville (SC) News (6/11, Wilkinson, 112K) reports that a nonbinding ballot initiative on the legalization of medical marijuana will be included on the Democratic primary ballot in South Carolina on Tuesday. Bill Nettles, a former US attorney for South Carolina, said the ballot "allows the party to take the temperature of the electorate," on the issue.

Opinion: Physician-Assisted Suicide "Can Never Be Medical Care." Matt Vallière, executive director of the Patients' Rights Action Fund, writes in The Hill (6/11, 2.71M) about physician-assisted suicide, and says that "suicide can never be medical care." Vallière argues, "As the medical community continues to point out its dangers, Congress should summarily reject assisted suicide public policy by passing H.Con. Res.80 – a truly bipartisan bill 'expressing the sense of the Congress that assisted suicide puts everyone, including those most vulnerable, at risk of deadly harm and undermines the integrity of the health care system.'"

American Medical Association Votes To Keep Reviewing Its Guidance On Physician-Assisted Suicide. The Washington Post (6/11, Bever, 15.68M) reports that delegates at the American Medical Association's annual meeting in Chicago voted Monday to continue reviewing its guidance on physician-assisted suicide. The AMA's House of Delegates "voted by a margin of 56 to 44 percent to have the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs keep studying the current guidance," according to the article.

Modern Healthcare (6/11, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) also covers the story.

Cherokee Hospital Testing 186 Patients For HIV, Hepatitis After Nurse Reused Syringes. The Tulsa (OK) World (6/11, Overall, 358K) reports that W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, a Cherokee Nation facility, is testing 186 patients for HIV and hepatitis after a nurse allegedly reused syringes to administer medications. According to the article, "the nurse violated protocols by using the same vial of medication and syringe to inject more than one intravenous bag." As of Monday, 64 patients had been screened, and none had tested positive. Hospital CEO Brian Hail said, "Patients were never directly in contact with any needle. Medication was administered into an IV bag or tubing. The likelihood of blood-borne pathogens traveling up the lines into an IV bag or IV tubing to cause cross contamination from using the same syringe is extremely remote."

Louisiana Regulators Prepare For Expanded Medical Marijuana Program. The Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate (6/11, Thompson, 141K) reports that "regulators crafting Louisiana's medical marijuana policies affecting physicians expressed concern Monday that key rules still need to be revised, while the growing number of state-approved treatable conditions will likely cause the state's nascent program to grow significantly." According to the article, "questions linger about how the drug will be administered, such as determining the appropriate dosage for a 30-day supply, and whether to lift an existing cap on the number of patients that doctors can recommend to be treated using medical marijuana."

Physician Offers Advice About Genetic Screening For Pregnant

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Women. U.S. News & World Report (6/8, 1.97M) contributor Elaine K. Howley offered guidance on genetic screening for pregnant women. Discussing the elevated risks associated with diagnostic tests such as amniocentesis and CVS, Howley quoted Dr. Deanna Mascho-Cawley, an OB-GYN at Geisinger in Danville, Pennsylvania, as saying, "According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, any patient can be offered or should be offered that diagnostic testing as well. We just tailor the counseling based off the patient's risk factors and their desires because of those additional risks that are associated with those procedures."

Guided Nanospears Can Administer Genetic Therapies Targeting Cancer, Researchers Say. The Daily Beast (6/12, Schultz, 1.69M) reports a recent study in the journal American Chemical Society Nano "describes a method of creating nanospears 5,000 times thinner than human hair that successfully targeted, pierced, and entered a cancer cell within a lab dish." The authors explained in an email, "The capability to guide the nanospears magnetically eliminates the need for potentially harmful chemical propellants that have been used in prior examples of nanorobotic delivery," adding, "A key feature of the nanospears is that we can guide them individually or in groups" to deliver some genetic therapies.

US Adults With Hypertension Incur Nearly $2,000 More In Annual Healthcare Costs, Study Indicates. Reuters (6/11, Wiener) reports that research indicates "each year, U.S. adults with high blood pressure incur almost $2,000 more in annual healthcare costs." The data indicated that "nationally, healthcare for adults with high blood pressure...costs an extra $131 billion per year." The findings were published in the Journal of the American Heart Association. Reuters points out that "last year, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and several other health organizations lowered the threshold for high blood pressure in adults to 130/80 millimeters of mercury."

Loneliness May Cause Premature Death By Damaging Heart, Research Suggests. Newsweek (6/11, Spear, 2.18M) reports that research suggests "loneliness may actually cause premature death by damaging the heart." The study "suggested that feeling loneliness may double a person's risk of dying of cardiovascular disease." The findings were presented at the European Society of Cardiology's annual nursing conference.

CRISPR-Cas9 May Increase Cancer Risk In Cells, Research Suggests. Reuters (6/11, Kelland) reports that two studies suggests CRISPR-Cas9, "a gene-editing technology that is being explored by scientists worldwide as a way of removing and replacing gene defects might inadvertently increase cancer risk in cells."

STAT (6/11, Begley, 27K) reports that "In the studies...scientists found that cells whose genomes are successfully edited by CRISPR-Cas9 have the potential to seed tumors inside a patient," which "could make some CRISPR'd cells ticking time bombs, according to" the investigators. To view the studies, click here and here.

Congressional Action On Marijuana Could Potentially Lead To Studies On Benefits Of Medical Marijuana For Cancer Patients. Fox News (6/11, Carlton, 16.38M) reports, "President Trump recently told reporters he will likely support a congressional effort to end the federal ban on marijuana, which could finally help cut through the red tape blocking scientists from conducting large-scale trials on the benefits of medical marijuana in cancer patients." Fox News adds, "According to new research published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, less than 30 percent of oncologists surveyed felt knowledgeable enough about medical marijuana to make recommendations." Dr. Andrew Epstein, an ASCO patient care expert, told Fox News, "The amount of information we have is still relatively nascent and evolving and therefore its upon us as a community to re-up our skills in knowing about this aspect of supportive oncology."

Genetic Test For Prostate Cancer Can Identify Individuals Who Have A Higher Risk Of Developing The Disease, Researchers Say. Forbes (6/11, Forster, 10.34M) contributor Victoria Forster writes that research published in Nature Genetics indicates "a new DNA 'spit test' for prostate

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cancer can identify men who have an increased risk of developing the disease." The research was partially funded by the National Cancer Institute. Forster points out that research recently presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting "showed that only a minority of men with prostate cancer respond to immunotherapy, likely those men whose cancers have defects in genes involved in repairing DNA."

HealthDay (6/11, Preidt, 10K) reports, "According to the new study, the scientists identified 63 new genetic variants associated with increased risk of prostate cancer, and combined them with more than 100 previously identified variants to create the new test." The new "test identifies the 1 percent of men who are at highest risk for prostate cancer."

Also covering the story are BBC News Online (UK) (6/11, 1.57M) and The Guardian (UK) (6/11, Sample, 4.03M).

Rhode Island Nursing Homes Decry State Budget Cut That Would Lead To Layoffs, Closures. The AP (6/11, McGuinness) reports nursing homes in Rhode Island denounced legislators' most recent budget proposal because it would cut their funding and "likely lead to facility closures and layoffs." Rhode Island Health Care Association president Virginia Burke, "Closures. The impact will be closures. ... Facilities would not be able to keep operating." She also indicated that "the 8.5 percent cut would mean a loss of close to $30 million for the facilities," which "are already financially strapped." Burke also "said nursing homes have not seen any money from the judgment as the state continues its appeal process," and that the cut "would take effect in three weeks."

THCA Sounds Alarm Over Texas' LTC Staffing Crisis. The Midland (TX) Reporter-Telegram (6/12, McEwen, 42K) reports Texas providers "are ringing alarm bells" about the staffing crisis impacting nursing homes throughout the state. According to the Texas Health Care Association, "the 97 percent turnover rate for certified nurse aides and the 90 percent turnover rate for registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses are affecting nursing homes statewide." THCA president and CEO Kevin Warren explained, "It's a huge concern when you look at the fact we're seeing direct care staff...have a turnover rate of 90 to 97 percent. ... It's a significant problem that we need to work on and come together to address." He also pointed out that "staffing has always been a challenge, but he has not seen such high turnover rates in the more than 20 years he's worked in the industry." The article lists recommendations from Warren on improving staffing levels.

Despite Prevention Efforts, South Dakota's STD Rates Rising. The Sioux Falls (SD) Argus Leader (6/11, Pfankuch, 175K) reports prevention efforts to combat sexually transmitted diseases in South Dakota "have not reversed a trend of increasing STD rates in rural and urban regions of the state" as cases reach "near-historic infection rates." Health officials worry "that if infection rates continue to rise...a health crisis could result among sexually active South Dakotans who engage in high-risk behaviors." Their concerns have been compounded by the emergence of "a new antibiotic-resistant form of gonorrhea and cases of congenital syphilis."

Pennsylvania, Nation Losing Fight Against Lyme Disease. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (6/11, Erdley, 334K) reports on an article in Scientific American indicating that "the battle against Lyme diseases isn't progressing." The piece says Lyme has been particularly bad in Pennsylvania, which "led the country" for the past six years "with the most new cases of Lyme – more than 12,000 residents contracted the disease in 2016." The article notes that the pressure to develop a vaccine is growing "ever more pressing as the tick" responsible for its spread "expands its reach across the country."

Op-Ed: Rising Number Of Lyme Disease Infections Punctuates Need For Prevention Efforts. Mary Beth Pfeiffer, author of "Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change," writes for Scientific American (6/11, 3.12M) that "little has been done to curb the spread of ticks or to control the harm inflicted by the Lyme bacterium," which she argues is "the product of a false image of Lyme disease, embraced by health officials and repeated in reviews of the medical literature, as an illness that is easy to diagnose and readily treatable." She argues that "we must recognize that the power of ticks has been underestimated and our response inadequate."

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Epidemiologists Predict California Will See Another Cycle Of Pertussis Cases. The Orange County (CA) Register (6/11, Walker, 635K) reports on the "cyclical nature" of pertussis, noting that California four years ago "was in the grips of an outbreak" and that "outbreaks tend to occur every three to five years." Epidemiologists have issued warnings that the Southern California region should anticipate "another surge right about now." While "there are no signs as yet of an epidemic, statewide or locally," the piece urges parents to take precautions.

Cost Of Kansas City's Measles Outbreaks Exceeded $170,000. The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/11, Marso, 636K) reports an analysis led by health officials shows "that more than $170,000 in taxpayer resources was spent" in efforts to combat two measles outbreaks in Kansas City that resulted in "35 total cases – 22 in Kansas and 13 in Missouri." Some of the funding came from federal sources, while "some of it came out of redirected state and local resources and none of it includes other costs that are difficult or even impossible to quantify." The article goes on to examine the cost breakdown of treatment and prevention efforts during the outbreaks.

Stryker Reportedly Eyeing Boston Scientific For Takeover. The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Mattioli, Dummett, Cimilluca, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports Stryker Corp. recently initiated an attempt to take over competitor Boston Scientific Corp., which would form a medical device behemoth worth more than $110 billion, according to sources. The Journal says it is unknown whether Boston Scientific is amenable toward the offer, which comes amid a jolt of activity in the healthcare sector as companies address industry and regulatory shifts.

Reuters (6/11, Banerjee, Berkrot) reports the combination "would give Stryker a strong position in stroke preventing interventional cardiology." If a deal were to materialize, "Stryker would get Boston Scientific's line of stents, defibrillators and its Watchman atrial device to prevent migration of blood clots."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/11, Carlson, 1.16M) reports Boston Scientific shares "shot up nearly 10 percent in midday trading Monday" on the news. The companies have not commented on the alleged deal.

Juvenescence Takes Stake In Company Generating Cell-Based Therapies For Age-Related Diseases. MedCity News (6/11, DeArment) reports UK-based Juvenescence Limited, which develops "therapies to slow or reverse the effects of aging," announced Monday it has raised $50 million in a Series A funding round. The company also "made a $5 million equity investment in AgeX Therapeutics, a subsidiary of publicly traded company BioTime focused on developing cell-based therapies for age-related degenerative diseases." AgeX is noted as having previously raised $10.8 million last year, including "a $386,000 grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health."

Experts Push For "Medicalized Approach" To Suicide Prevention. Modern Healthcare (6/11, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reports that the recent suicide deaths of designer Kate Spade and TV host Anthony Bourdain "highlight what has become a growing public health issue, as rates of suicide throughout the country have increased sharply over the past two decades." Some experts are calling for a "more medicalized approach toward treating anxiety and depression," much like "early screening for conditions such as diabetes and breast cancer has led to better outcomes and survival rates." The article explains that "such an approach would require changes in the way much of the medical community views mental health disorders" and would require eliminating "lingering stigmas" among both providers and patients, such as "knowing the signs of a potential disorder or when to refer patients to a behavioral healthcare specialist for help."

Opinion: Ending The Stigma Is The Key To Suicide Prevention. Petula Dvorak writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that even though 123 people die of suicide every day, "we still don't want to talk about it." Dvorak argues, "The silence, the stigma and the fear keep us from having real conversations – and taking action – when it comes to such a determined killer" that is the tenth leading cause of death in the US and the second highest among

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teens. The piece concludes that "the key" to suicide prevention is: "Helping others. Breaking the silence. Ending the stigma."

Oral Migraine Drug Succeeds In Study, Manufacturer Says. Reuters (6/11, Banerjee) reports Allergan Plc announced Monday that its oral migraine drug, atogepant, met its "main goal across all doses in a study, with a statistically significant reduction in monthly headache days in patients with episodic migraine." The results come after the FDA approved Amgen's calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) treatment last month.

Layoffs A Symptom Of A Deeper Problem With IBM's Watson Health, Former Employees Say. STAT Plus (6/11, Ross, Swetlitz, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that IBM's Watson Health project is "grappling with a deeper problem – that the company has struggled to turn its new trove of patient data into workable products, and that instead of attracting a wave of new hospital clients, Watson Health is starting to shed business," according to former IBM employees who were recently laid off by the company. The article discusses how IBM has had reported problems with integrating its three acquisitions which brought in "vast stores of patient health data."

Children Exposed To Cigarette Smoke Have Higher Risk Of Hearing Loss, Research Indicates. Newsweek (6/11, Dovey, 2.18M) reports researchers from Japan have found that "exposure to smoking, both in utero and in the first few months of a child's life, is associated with higher prevalence of hearing impairment," according to a study published in Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology. Among the findings, "children exposed to only their mothers' past smoking had a 26 percent increased risk of hearing impairment," and those exposed to only "secondhand smoke at four months had a 30 percent increased risk." In addition, "those whose mothers smoked during their pregnancy had a 68 percent increased risk of hearing impairment."

Studies Link Abdominal Fat To Increased Rates Of Coronary Heart Disease, Increased Risk For Cancer, And Risk Of Developing Dementia Decades Later. In the New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) "Personal Health" column, Jane E. Brody writes that if a person's "waist measures 35 or more inches for women or 40 or more inches for men, chances are you're harboring a potentially dangerous amount of abdominal fat." Brody goes on to detail studies linking visceral fat with increased rates of coronary heart disease, an increased risk for cancer, and even the "risk of developing dementia decades later."

Experts Release Blueprint For Improving End-Of-Life Care. NJ Spotlight (6/12, Stainton) reports on recommendations released Monday by the nonprofit New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute as "part of a strategic plan for end-of-life care." Targeted investments for improving end of life carer include "developing a statewide database to keep residents' requests and wishes readily accessible" and offering "higher reimbursements for treatment consultations and palliative care." The 15-page report "outlines ways in which state officials can work with hospitals, medical schools, local communities, and other groups to provide more appropriate...medical treatments and support services to patients nearing the end."

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Rollout Of HIV Prevention Drug Tied To Reduction In Condom Use Among Men Who Have Sex With Men In Australia, Study Suggests. The New York Times (6/11, Baumgaertner, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports researchers found that "the rollout of a drug that prevents HIV infection was followed by a reduction in condom use among gay and bisexual men in Australia." The findings were published in Lancet HIV.

HIV/AIDS Epidemic Getting Worse In Russia. In an over 2,800 word article, Science Magazine (6/11, Cohen, 441K) reports that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Russia is getting worse. The article highlights some of the contributing factors to the problem, including some of the barriers that many patients with HIV face in receiving treatment in Russia.

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Rift Valley Fever Kills Five In Kenya, Official Says. Reuters (6/11, Mureithi) says Kenya has reported the deaths of five people in the past week due to the reemergence of Rift Valley Fever disease, marking "the first reports of the disease since an outbreak killed more than 200 people a decade ago." Abdihakim Billow, a health official of the area "where the deaths were reported, said two people died in hospital while the other three died at home," adding that "another two people thought to be ill from the disease had been hospitalized."

British Authorities Seize Mother's Cannabis-Based Medication For Son With Epilepsy, Prompting Stand-Off. Reuters (6/11, Shirbon) reports that the mother of a boy with epilepsy who journeyed to Canada "to buy cannabis-based medication she says is keeping her son alive" had her supplies confiscated by British customs officials upon her return on Monday. The mother says that without the cannabis oil, her 12-year-old son has up to 100 seizures a day, each of which is potentially fatal. According to Reuters, "the case has ignited a debate about the medicinal use of cannabis, a drug which is illegal in Britain and which the British authorities do not recognize as having any medicinal benefits."

Opinion: Chinese Communist Leaders Must Be Held Accountable For Human Rights Violations. Chen Guangcheng, author of "The Barefoot Lawyer: A Blind Man's Fight for Justice and Freedom in China," writes in the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) that the Chinese Communist Party "is considering abandoning one of its longest-running and most abusive practices: its reproduction planning policy, commonly known as the one-child policy," but says that returning reproductive rights to the people "does not exempt the Communist Party from responsibility for decades of trauma and murder committed under the euphemistic rubric of population planning." Guangcheng "urges the American government to use the tools at its disposal – such as the Global Magnitsky Act – to hold Communist Party leaders accountable and to take a stand for human rights for all."

National Register In Australia Could Curb Financial Abuse Of Elders. The Sydney (AUS) Morning Herald (6/8, Collett, 18K) reports older Australians who are "socially isolated and reliant on others for their care" are "particularly vulnerable to financial abuse." Last week, "the Australian Banking Association, the Council of the Ageing (COTA Australia) and National Seniors called on the nation's attorneys-general to agree to standardise the reporting systems for suspected cases of financial abuse of elders," the article says, adding that such a system "could quickly verify the authority of a power of attorney when they present themselves as acting on behalf of a customer."

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Trump, Kim Pledge "Complete Denuclearization" After Historic Summit. At Tuesday's historic summit in Singapore, President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un signed a joint statement committing to the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Details of the agreement were still emerging early Tuesday morning, but initial media reports are critical of its lack of specifics. Reuters (6/12, Kim), for example, says the statement "gave few details," the Wall Street Journal (6/12, Bender, Gordon, Cheng, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) refers to a lack of specific commitments, and Bloomberg News (6/12, Wayne, Sink, 4.46M) says the two leaders "laid out goals...without specifying what immediate steps either side would take." CNN (6/11, Liptak, 82.6M) reports "there was no mentioning the previous US aim of 'complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.' And Kim's commitments did not appear to go beyond what he already pledged to do in April when he met South Korean President Moon Jae-in."

According to the AP (6/12, Miller, Lucey, Lederman, Klug), the President pledged unspecified "security guarantees" to the North. The two leaders "coupled the summit agreement with lofty promises" by Trump to handle "a very dangerous problem" and Kim's prediction for "major change." The AP says the document "largely amounted to an agreement to continue discussions," and "did not include an agreement to take steps toward ending the technical state of warfare between the US and North Korea."

The New York Times (6/12, Landler, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports Trump concluded the meeting saying that denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula would

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begin "very quickly." In the statement, which Trump called "comprehensive," the President "committed to provide security guarantees" to North Korea, and Kim "reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." According to the Times, the statement "was short on details," but Trump told reporters, "We're starting that process very quickly – very, very quickly – absolutely," referring to denuclearization. The statement said the two nations would hold "follow-on negotiations" led by Secretary of State Pompeo and a high-level North Korean official "at the earliest possible date, to implement the outcomes" of the summit meeting.

The AP (6/12) reports that during a "free-wheeling press conference before returning to the US," Trump told reporters he thinks "we'll probably need another summit" — or at least a second meeting — with Kim. He also insisted that Kim "understands what the US has been pushing for in the talks." Said Trump , "I think he's going to do these things."

During Tuesday's meeting, the Washington Post (6/12, Nakamura, Rucker, Fifield, Gearan, 15.68M) reports, Trump said he had "developed a very special bond" with Kim, but the document "is an outline, with no specifics or deadlines and leaves the details on key issues such as how the United States would verify that North Korea had given up its nuclear program for future talks." Still, Trump "cast his meetings with Kim in the most positive light." The President told reporters, "We are very proud of what took place today. I think our whole relationship with North Korea and the Korean Peninsula is going to be a very much different situation than it has in the past. We both want to do something, we both are going to do something. We have developed a very special bond."

USA Today (6/12, Jackson, 11.4M) likewise says Trump "claimed success," saying, "We had a really fantastic meeting" that went "better than anybody could have expected, top of the line, really good." To the Los Angeles Times (6/11, Bierman, 4.03M), the two leaders "appeared to open a new chapter...in America's long-hostile relations with North Korea." At the signing ceremony, Kim said, "The world will see a major change," adding that he and Trump "decided to leave the past behind."

Politico (6/11, Johnson, Toosi, 3.51M) says that while the "text of the agreement contained few concrete steps," Trump called the document "pretty comprehensive" and Kim "a worthy negotiator." Kim, the Washington Times (6/12, Miller, 460K) reports, said the meeting "was the start of a working relationship between the two countries."

Fox News (6/12, DeMarche, 16.38M) reports that during a press conference after the talks, Trump "did not refer to the document as a treaty or agreement," and "said Kim agreed to destroy a 'major' missile testing site, but did not offer specific details."

The Washington Examiner (6/12, Morrongiello, 340K) reports Kim "departed the summit site at around 2 p.m. Tuesday, just as hundreds of journalists were shuttled over for a late afternoon press conference with Trump." Reuters (6/12) says Kim "is due to leave Singapore at 9 p.m. local time, two sources familiar with the plans said."

Trump: US-South Korean Military Exercises On Hold. NBC News (6/11, Allen, 5.76M) reports that after Tuesday's talks, President Trump "confirmed military exercises involving American and South Korea forces would be put on hold for now." The AP (6/12, Miller, Lucey, Lederman, Klug) says Trump "announced that he will be freezing US military 'war games' with...South Korea while negotiations between the two countries continue."

Trump Shows Kim His Presidential Limousine. Breitbart (6/11, Spiering, 1.28M) reports that after Tuesday's talks, Trump "showed Kim the interior of his presidential limousine 'The Beast' as they walked together outside the hotel."

Number Of US Journalists Permitted To Cover Talks Limited. According to Politico (6/11, Schwartz, 3.51M), "the number of American journalists allowed to witness" the ceremony "was limited to seven – a smaller group than would usually be present for such a summit, and one that excluded representatives from the major wire services." The size "appeared designed to match the number of North Korean 'journalists' present, according to a press pool, and led to tension between US media and White House officials on the ground in Singapore." White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told Politico, "We have worked very hard to provide access to the media at this event and continually expanded coverage throughout the morning."

Trump To Depart Singapore Early. Reuters (6/11, Holland) reports the White House

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said Monday that discussions with North Korea had moved "more quickly than expected" and Trump would leave Singapore on Tuesday night. He had earlier been scheduled to leave on Wednesday. Two US officials told Bloomberg News (6/11, 4.46M) that Kim "set a deadline for ending" the summit, prompting Trump "to set an earlier-than-expected departure time." The officials said Trump "had been willing to stay longer if negotiations were progressing, but since Kim set definite plans for departure, so did Trump."

The AP (6/11, Miller, Lucey, Lederman) too says Trump announced on the eve of the meeting "that he will be leaving Singapore early because the nuclear negotiations have moved 'more quickly than expected.' That was before the two had even met, and it was not clear whether it was good news or not."

Ahead of Tuesday's summit, Trump tweeted, "Meetings between staffs and representatives are going well and quickly...but in the end, that doesn't matter. We will all know soon whether or not a real deal, unlike those of the past, can happen!" He continued, "The fact that I am having a meeting is a major loss for the U.S., say the haters & losers. We have our hostages, testing, research and all missle launches have stoped, and these pundits, who have called me wrong from the beginning, have nothing else they can say! We will be fine!"

Pompeo: Denuclearization "Ultimate Objective" Of Summit. Ahead of today's summit, Reuters (6/11, Spetalnick, Brunnstrom) reports Secretary of State Pompeo said the "ultimate objective" of the summit had not changed and the US was "eager to see" if North Korea was sincere about denuclearization. Pompeo told reporters Trump was "fully prepared" for the talks, and was optimistic that the outcome would be "successful," while warning that there was still "lots of work left to do."

Bloomberg News (6/11, Jacobs, Olorunnipa, Tweed, 4.46M) reports Pompeo also said the US plans to keep sanctions in place until North Korea denuclearizes yet is prepared to offer "unique" guarantees to the regime. In what Bloomberg calls a "stern message to Pyongyang," he also stressed that complete denuclearization "is the only outcome that the United States will accept" from North Korea.

Breitbart (6/11, Caplan, 1.28M) reports Pompeo said the US is prepared to take actions to provide North Korea with "sufficient certainty" that denuclearization "is not something that ends badly for them." The Washington Times (6/11, Miller, 460K) likewise says Pompeo said the US "is prepared to offer new security assurance," but "refused to elaborate."

To the Los Angeles Times (6/11, Bierman, 4.03M), Pompeo also "publicly downplay[ed] expectations that the nuclear summit will lead to anything beyond future talks," and the Washington Post (6/11, Nakamura, Rucker, 15.68M) says Trump too "has sought to lower expectations for the summit in recent days, suggesting that it would be the start of a lengthy process to get Pyongyang to begin dismantling its nuclear and ballistic missile programs."

Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' Hannity (6/11, 3.26M), "This President knows that sometimes negotiations like this take one, two, three, four, five or more meetings. You can't change 70 years of war and a country that has isolated itself from most of the rest of the world as it becomes nuclear capable. And you can't expect that to turn around in a day or a meeting. Let's remember what's changed from past President attempts. It is the leadership and the vision of President Trump. It's his ability to reframe the way we look at relations around the globe. And I will tell you, this is not an American issue. The denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is everybody's business."

Sean Hannity said on Fox News' Hannity (6/11, 3.26M), "There has been a lot of talk will they be talking beyond denuclearization about human rights? Will he they be talking about possible reunification of North and South Korea somewhere down the line? All of those issues, I'm sure, will be discussed at some point. But as the President was very clear when he left Washington, he was saying this is a process. There will be nothing signed here, he said. He said this might take two, three, four, five meetings or maybe even more. But it is certainly worth it if we can make the world a safer place. But, again, the core argument and mandate of the United States and this is very clear. It is complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization of the Korean peninsula."

Hannity To Interview Trump After Summit. Axios (6/11, Swan, 2.49M) reports that it has learned Trump's "first sit-down television interview after his historic summit" with Kim is expected to be with Hannity, "his friend and confidant." A Fox

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News spokeswoman "confirmed the interview" will air in full on Fox News' Hannity on Tuesday.

WPost Analysis: Trump's Feud With Trudeau "Looks Like A Stunt." Callum Borchers writes for the Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) "The Fix" blog that Trump's "rationale for lashing out at Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau does not add up." In a tweet, Trump pointed to "Justin's false statements at his news conference" and "the fact that Canada is charging massive Tariffs." But Borchers notes that Canadian tariffs "were in place long before the summit and did not prevent Trump from initially endorsing the G7 statement on trade." He notes that "what was new was Trudeau's news conference Saturday, where he said that Canadians 'will not be pushed around.'" According to Borchers, "It appears as though Trump is the one performing a stunt, raging at Trudeau in theatrical fashion without a clear reason to be so worked up. In fact, [White House economic adviser Larry] Kudlow suggested in his appearance on CNN that Trump's anger at Trudeau is an act for an audience of one: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un."

Kim Takes Late-Night Sightseeing Tour In Singapore. Reuters (6/11, Holland) reports that Kim, "one of the world's most reclusive leaders, made an evening tour of sites on Singapore's waterfront." He was joined by Singapore's foreign minister, Vivian Balakrishnan, "who took a selfie." Reuters says the "rare public appearance of Kim, waving and smiling to onlookers, adds to the more affable image of the young leader that has emerged since his summit in April with South Korean leader Moon Jae-in."

Bloomberg News (6/11, Zhai, Lee, 4.46M) similarly says the trip "marked a rare outing in a modern metropolis for a reclusive leader" who has "sought to overhaul his image this year." To the Washington Post (6/11, Fifield, 15.68M), "the Singaporean hosts seemed to be daring Kim to think big, to dream of the kind of glittering future his country could have if it opens up to the outside world, as they took him on the late-evening tour."

Dennis Rodman: Kim "Trying To Progress His Country." Dennis Rodman said on CNN's Cuomo Prime Time (6/11, 839K), "If President Trump goes in there with a great heart, with his heart on the table, and lets Kim Jong-un see him, really emotional, as far as speaking to him." Kim, Rodman added, "is trying to progress his country. And Donald Trump is going to do a great job and try to reach out and make sure our hands, America's hands always open.... If Trump can pull this off, more power to him."

The Gateway Pundit (6/11, Taylor, 201K) notes that Rodman wore a red Trump "Make America Great Again" hat during his "emotional interview" with CNN.

Politico Analysis: "Trump Made Diplomacy Great Again." Blake Hounshell writes for Politico Magazine (6/11, 3.45M) that when "candidate Barack Obama said in a 2007 debate that he'd meet with the leaders of rogue states – including North Korea – without preconditions, critics pounced. ... Flash forward to today, and what are Republicans saying about the current president's willingness – eagerness, even – to cut a nuclear deal with the most roguish leader of them all, North Korean strongman Kim Jong Un?" Not much, according to Hounshell, who notes that Democrats "have largely welcomed Trump's North Korea diplomacy." He argues that "whether he succeeds or fails, to his supporters, is almost beside the point – the president is making diplomacy great again."

NYTimes Editorial Board Member Suggests Summit A Distraction From Russia Probe. The Daily Caller (6/11, Nista, 420K) reports New York Times editorial board member Mara Gay suggested Monday on MSNBC that today's summit "exists to distract from the Russia investigation." Said Wallace, "This is not just a meeting about foreign policy, this is about Donald Trump's political survival. He has said to friends that he plans on taking a win in North Korea to the voters. That's their midterm message; that's all they've got."

Trump To Hold Rally In MN8 Next Week. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/11, Golden, Van Berkel Star, 1.16M) reports the President "will make his first post-election visit to Minnesota...on June 20 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center." The Duluth (MN) News Tribune (6/11, Olsen, 195K) notes that "Trump, who campaigned in Superior in April 2016, will be the first sitting president to visit Duluth since George W. Bush in 2004."

As KSJR-FM Collegeville, MN (6/11, 92K) reports, Duluth is "the battleground for the open and highly competitive 8th Congressional District seat," which Trump won in 2016 even as Rep. Rick Nolan (D-MN) "held onto the seat in a close election and Minnesota chose Hillary Clinton for

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president." Nolan "earlier this year announced he would not seek re-election to the district, giving Republicans a key opportunity to flip the seat." While "four Democrats are headed for an August primary at this point," St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber "is the lone Republican in the 8th District race. He's a retired Duluth police officer who's also served on the Hermantown City Council and in younger years played minor league professional hockey." The Washington Examiner (6/11, Quinn, 340K) indicates, moreover, that "both of Minnesota's senators, Democrats Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, are on the ballot this November."

The Hill (6/11, Samuels, 2.71M) quotes "Michael Glassner, COO of the Trump campaign," as saying in a statement, "The President will meet with Minnesota patriots to report the latest developments for our surging economy, including record-low unemployment and fair trade reforms, and his historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un." The Hill adds that the event "could be viewed as a sign of confidence from Trump on his chances in Minnesota." The President "narrowly lost the state, which has been won by every Democratic candidate for president since 1972."

The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (6/11, Woltman, 453K) notes that "in an emailed statement, Jennifer Carnahan, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Minnesota, said she is excited to welcome the president back to the state." Said Carnahan, "The importance of Minnesota this election cycle – in influencing the balance of power in Washington D.C. for the next two years and ensuring we send the President conservative reinforcements – depends on our ability to Make Minnesota Red. ... We look forward to the momentum and positive energy his visit will bring to Minnesota Republicans and our opportunities this election cycle."

Trump Hails High Court Ruling Allowing Ohio To Drop Inactive Voters From Rolls. President Trump took to Twitter yesterday to write, "Just won big Supreme Court decision on Voting! Great News!" Trump was referring to a case involving Ohio, which is receiving widespread print media coverage this morning. The AP (6/11, Sherman) reports that the Supreme Court has ruled that states "can target people who haven't cast ballots in a while in efforts to purge their voting rolls." In a "5-4 vote that split the conservative and liberal justices, the court rejected arguments in a case from Ohio that the practice violates a federal law intended to increase the ranks of registered voters." The AP adds "Ohio's contested voter purge stems from an inoffensive requirement in federal law that states have to make an effort to keep their voter rolls in good shape by removing people who have moved or died." Ohio "pursues its goal more aggressively than most, relying on two things: voter inactivity over six years encompassing three federal elections and the failure to return a card...asking people to confirm that they have not moved and continue to be eligible to vote."

CNN (6/11, De Vogue, Vazquez, 82.6M) cautions on its website that "at least six other states have similar laws, and the ruling could embolden others to follow suit and enact what critics say are aggressive purges of voter rolls." The Washington Times (6/11, Dinan, 460K), in fact, reports "the ruling is already boosting conservative groups pushing to have other states clean up their voter rolls."

Politico (6/11, Gerstein, 3.51M) calls the ruling "a victory for the Trump administration," and NPR (6/11, Totenberg, Montanaro, 3.55M) noted that "the Obama Justice Department had sided with the lead plaintiff in the case, Larry Harmon, a software engineer from the Akron area," but "once [President] Trump was elected, the DOJ did an about-face and switched positions."

The Los Angeles Times (6/11, Savage, 4.03M) says "the legal dispute played out against a backdrop where two major parties had opposite views. Republicans spoke of 'voter fraud' and election rolls they said were stocked with ineligible and illegal voters, while Democrats complained of "voter suppression" by GOP states which, they said, made it harder for minorities and the poor to cast ballots." To USA Today (6/11, Wolf, 11.4M), along those lines, "the ruling could be a major victory for Republicans, who tend to benefit from lower voter turnout, and a stinging loss for Democrats, who do best in high-turnout elections." That is "because minorities, young people and those with lower incomes are most likely to be disenfranchised by the state's policy." Newsweek (6/11, Goodkind, 2.18M) also reports "a number of civil rights groups argued that the decision would likely aid Republicans but hurt Democrats and voters of color."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/11, Eaton, 1.03M) notes "Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted

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called the ruling in the case known as Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute 'a victory for election integrity, and a defeat for those who use the federal court system to make election law across the country.'" Husted "is Attorney General Mike DeWine's running mate in this year's governor's race." DeWine said yesterday, "I am pleased that the United States Supreme Court agreed that Ohio was following federal law in maintaining accurate voter rolls. ... I congratulate our attorneys throughout this case for their exceptional work in documenting how this process used by Democrat and Republican secretaries of state is indeed lawful." The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (6/11, Torry, Ludlow, 399K) reports Sen. Sherrod Brown, "a former secretary of state, assailed the ruling, saying 'Ohio should be working to make voting easier, not harder. Instead, today's decision empowers Ohio to further strip away the right to vote for thousands of Ohioans, threatening the integrity of our state's election process.'"

CQ Roll Call (6/11, Ruger, 117K) reports House Minority Leader Pelosi "called the decision dangerous and 'a grave step backward in our nation's progress to advance a future in which every person can enjoy their full, equal right to be heard at the ballot box.'"

It was, Reuters (6/11, Chung) reports, "a ruling powered by the five conservative justices and denounced by liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor as an endorsement of the disenfranchisement of minority and low-income Americans." The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (6/11, Torry, Ludlow, 399K) reports that in his ruling, Justice Alito said Ohio's system "does not violate federal laws approved in 1993 and 2002 by Congress." Wrote Alito, "We have no authority to second-guess Congress or to decide whether (the Ohio's law) is the ideal method for keeping its voting rolls up to date. ... The only question before us is whether it violates federal law. It does not."

Meanwhile, says the Washington Post (6/11, Barnes, 15.68M), Sotomayor wrote in her dissent, "Communities that are disproportionately affected by unnecessarily harsh registration laws should not tolerate efforts to marginalize their influence in the political process, nor should allies who recognize blatant unfairness stand idly by." Alito retorted, "Justice Sotomayor's dissent says nothing about what is relevant in this case – namely, the language of the" National Voter Registration Act, and "has not pointed to any evidence in the record that Ohio instituted or has carried out its program with discriminatory intent."

NPR (6/11, Totenberg, Montanaro, 3.55M) reported "the first line of the opinion lays out evidence for why Alito sees the need to clean up voter rolls." Wrote Alito, "It has been estimated that 24 million voter registrations in the United States – about one in eight – are either invalid or significantly inaccurate," and "about 2.75 million people are said to be registered to vote in more than one State." Alito was referencing "a Pew Center on the States" report, "the same study that incoming Trump White House officials cited – misleadingly – to make the case that voter fraud was occurring and immigrants in the US illegally were voting."

Fox News (6/11, Mears, 16.38M) reports on its website that "Alito, in his opinion, clarified that states could not use the failure to vote as the sole reason for removal from the register." Officials "would be required to show someone had changed their residence, was incarcerated or met other criteria." The New York Times (6/11, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) indicates, however, that "the central question in the case was whether a failure to vote could be the reason to send out the notice."

Politico (6/11, Gerstein, 3.51M) reports that "Stuart Naifeh, senior counsel at Demos, which led the legal team challenging the state's practices," said yesterday that the ruling "threatens the ability of voters to have their voices heard in our elections." The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Kendall, Bravin, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), Washington Examiner (6/11, Quinn, 340K) and The Hill (6/11, Wheeler, 2.71M), among other news outlets, run similar reports on the ruling.

More Commentary. The Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) editorializes that "though the court majority determined that" Ohio's approach to purging the voter rolls "is legal, it is not wise," as "states should be encouraging more civic participation, not less." The Post adds that in the US, "political legitimacy flows from popular approval," and "systematically discouraging sections of the populace from voting is cynical and detrimental to the democracy." USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) offers similar arguments in an editorial titled "Supreme Court Upholds Ohio's Vote Suppression Scheme."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) defends the

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ruling, hailing it as a step toward more accurate voter rolls. Pete Hutchison, president of Landmark Legal Foundation, writes in USA Today (6/11, 11.4M) that "the dissenting justices object to the Ohio Legislature's policy decisions," but "the job of judging is to apply the law as written and not to second-guess the people's representatives. Monday's decision is a victory for ballot integrity."

Trump-Recruited GOP Candidate Frustrated By Trump's "Affinity" For Heitkamp. The Washington Post (6/11, Sullivan, 15.68M) reports, "President Trump is aggressively campaigning for Republican Senate candidates around the country and belittling their Democratic rivals, with one notable exception – Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota." The President's "affinity for Heitkamp, who got a shout-out and a handshake at a recent White House bill signing, has frustrated top Republicans who see winning her Democratic seat as crucial to holding onto their fragile 51-to-49 majority." Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), "whom Trump personally recruited to run against Heitkamp," has contacted Chief of Staff Kelly "to appeal for political help" and has "traded warning shots with Trump's legislative affairs director, Marc Short."

Obama Meeting With Potential 2020 Democratic Presidential Candidates. CNN (6/11, Merica, 82.6M) reports on its website, "Barack Obama has met with several Democrats considering running for president in 2020, a Democrat close to the former president tells CNN, offering them advice on running in the Trump era and discussing how to position the party going forward." CNN adds that "to date, according to the Democrat, Obama has met with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders; Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren; former Vice President Joe Biden; former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick; New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker; former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Peter Buttigieg; former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander; and former Attorney General Eric Holder."

Politico (6/11, Dovere, 3.51M) says "Obama is concerned about how his own party is responding" to President Trump, "and how it can be best positioned to win in the midterms and in the next presidential cycle to beat back the president and his politics." Obama, adds Politico, "doesn't see himself as the person to come up with the plan," but "he is eager to be a sounding board and counselor."

New D'Souza Film Compares Anti-Trump "Resistance" To Democrats' Opposition To Lincoln. The Hill (6/11, Concha, 2.71M) reports "conservative filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, who was recently pardoned by President Trump, is making comparisons for his next film between the Democratic resistance to Trump and how Democrats didn't accept President Lincoln's reelection during the Civil War." The Twitter "account for D'Souza's next film, 'Death of a Nation,'" stated yesterday, "Not since 1865 have #Democrats so dramatically refused to accept the outcome of a presidential election." D'Souza also weighed in on Twitter, asking, "Lincoln united his party and saved America from the Democrats for the first time. Can Trump – and wen-- come together and save America for the second time?"

Trump Highlights Good Economic News. In a tweet Monday afternoon, Trump touted his economic record, writing, "Stock Market up almost 40% since the Election, with 7 Trillion Dollars of U.S. value built throughout the economy. Lowest unemployment rate in many decades, with Black & Hispanic unemployment lowest in History, and Female unemployment lowest in 21 years. Highest confidence ever!"

Stocks Rise Slightly. Trump's tweet came on a day that stocks posted slight gains. Reuters (6/11, Brown) reports that the Dow climbed 5.78 points to 25,322.31, the S&P 500 added 2.97 points to close at 2,782, and the Nasdaq ended the day 14.41 points higher at 7,659.93.

Fed weighs Historically Low Unemployment In Considering Rate Decision. The Wall Street Journal (6/11, Timiraos, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that as the Federal Reserve prepares to announce whether it will raise the benchmark short-term interest rate on Wednesday, it is considering how far unemployment may fall without stoking inflation. The Journal adds that the US unemployment rate has only his its current level of 3.8% twice before in the past 50 years, one of which, in the 1960s, spurred high inflation. The article adds that the Fed is projected to increase its short-term rate to between 1.75% and two percent, adding that Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's view of the near-term future of US

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unemployment will drive Fed interest rate decisions.

Maher Hopes For Recession So We Can "Get Rid Of Trump." Writing on Townhall (6/11, 209K), Matt Vespa cites a RealClear Politics report which said that comedian Bill Maher said Friday that he is hoping for a recession so we can "get rid of Trump." On his HBO show Real Time, Maher said, "Can I ask about the economy because this economy is going pretty well? I feel like the bottom has to fall out at some point. And by the way, I'm hoping for it. Because I think one way you get rid of Trump is a crashing economy. So, please, bring on the recession. Sorry if that hurts people, but it's either root for a recession or you lose your democracy."

Pai: Expiration Of Net Neutrality Means A Return To Clinton-Era Framework. The Washington Times (6/11, Muñoz, 460K) reports that as net neutrality regulations ended Monday, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai "touted a return to past policies," saying the "new approach is actually more like the policy set in place by former President Bill Clinton." Pai told CBS This Morning, "President Clinton's framework, it served us well from '96 until 2015, and I'm confident going forward." Reuters (6/11, Shepardson) says that while the net neutrality rules expired Monday, "a court battle remains ahead."

Pentagon Officials Distance Themselves From LGBT Pride Month Observances. The Washington Post (6/11, Sonne, 15.68M) reports that for the first time since the practice became routine in the wake of President Obama's repeal of the military's ban on homosexuals serving openly, senior Pentagon officials "are distancing themselves from the Defense Department's annual LGBT Pride Month celebrations." While an official Pentagon memo is typically distributed at the beginning of LGBT Pride Month in June, the absence of the memo this year "has raised questions among service members and Defense Department civilian employees who remain troubled by President Trump's surprise proclamation last July that he would ban transgender individuals from serving in the military."

Biden Heckled During Book Tour Stop In Delaware. The Wilmington (DE) News Journal (6/11, Price, 304K) reports that former Vice President Joe Biden was heckled during a book tour stop in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware on Sunday. As Biden "was talking about sexual assault," the heckler asked, "What about the girls you molested on C-SPAN at the Senate swearing in?" The taunt drew boos and shouting from the audience, but Biden "quieted the crowd enough to respond: 'This is not Trump world,' which drew a deluge of applause and cheers, even as catcalls and boos aimed at the heckler continued."

Poll: Scott "Dominating" Nelson Among Florida Voters 50 And Older. Politico (6/11, Caputo, 3.51M) reports that a forthcoming Politico/AARP poll shows that Gov. Rick Scott "is virtually tied" with Sen. Bill Nelson in the Florida Senate race, and is "dominating" Nelson "by 9 points among those nearing or at retirement age – a group that casts the majority of Florida's votes." Overall, "Scott leads Nelson overall by 40 percent to 39 percent, but Scott's support grows to 44 percent while Nelson's shrinks to 35 percent with those 50 and older."

McClatchy Analysis: Sanford Fighting For Political Life In SC1 GOP Primary. McClatchy (6/11, Douglas, Dumain, 81K) reports that Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC) is fighting for his political life in his Tuesday primary "thanks to his disagreements with President Donald Trump." Recent polling shows Sanford and State Rep. Katie Arrington "in a statistical tie" in SC1.

In AL2, Rouby Faces Runoff Amid Questions About Her Loyalty To Trump. The New York Times (6/11, Blinder, Martin, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that President Trump "has become a one-man litmus test in some of his party's primaries, imperiling incumbents in races where policy issues seem to matter less to voters than personal loyalty to the president." In AL2, Republican voters "face a peculiar choice in a runoff" – Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL), "who condemned Mr. Trump but has since voted nearly in lock step with him," or Bobby Bright, "who was once a Democrat who supported Nancy Pelosi, but now sounds much like the president." That Rouby was "forced into a runoff by questions of personal fealty illustrates the potency of the issue in this year's Republican primaries."

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Democrats Consulting With Hollywood Ahead Of Midterms. Politico (6/11, Siders, 3.51M) reports that the DNC and Democratic lawmakers are "quietly consulting" with Hollywood actors, writers, and producers for "help with voter turnout and messaging ahead of the midterm elections and 2020 presidential campaign." DNC Chairman Tom Perez, several House members, and others have met with a group "formed by members of the entertainment industry in the wake of the 2016 election," to discuss "targeted voter-registration programs with visiting Democrats, as well as the party's framing of issues ranging from abortion rights to gun control."

AP Analysis: Democratic House Candidates Pushing Liberal Messages. The AP (6/11, Barrow, Beaumont) reports that Democrats' midterm House candidates are "shaping up to test what liberal messages the party can sell to the moderate and GOP-leaning voters who will help determine control of the House after the November election." According to the AP, "the crop of nominees is trending more liberal than many of the 'Blue Dog' Democrats swept away in Republicans' 2010 midterm romp." As a result, "voters now represented by a Republican will be asked to consider some or all of the mainstream Democratic priorities that may have been considered 'too liberal' in the past: more government involvement in health insurance, tighter gun laws, a path to citizenship for people in the country illegally, reversing parts of the GOP tax law, support for LGBTQ rights." The question is whether that will result in "Democrats gaining the 23 new seats they need for a majority."

Democrats Hope Anti-Trump Sentiment Will Help Unseat Comstock. The Washington Times (6/11, Sherfinski, 460K) reports that Democrats "are counting on an anti-Trump backlash, a desire to overturn the Republican-led Congress and a surge of interest in gun control to unseat suburban Republicans" like Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA) in VA10. But Comstock "said she has been a top target in her past two elections yet emerged with a 16-percentage-point victory in 2014 and won re-election by 6 points in 2016, even as Hillary Clinton carried the district by close to double digits." Comstock "is highlighting her vote for Republican tax cuts and her work combating violent gangs in the region as she tries to shore up the pro-Trump elements of her party."

Female Gubernatorial Candidates Say They Face Resistance To Female Executive Power. The New York Times (6/11, Martin, Burns, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that while women "have emerged as the animating force behind the backlash to President Trump, with many storming to victory in congressional primaries, several are finding governor's races to be more challenging as they struggle to build as much political and financial support as their male rivals." From today through September, "female candidates for governor will be on the ballot in Democratic primaries across 17 states, including pivotal battlegrounds such as Florida, Wisconsin and Colorado," but "several said they are facing entrenched resistance to female power at the executive level, and male opponents with deeper campaign coffers and, in some cases, far less political experience."

Bill Clinton: Norms Of "What You Can Do To Someone Against Her Will" Have Changed. The Daily Caller (6/11, Athey, 420K) reports that in an interview with PBS on Friday, former President Bill Clinton "made a disturbing statement about sexual consent." Asked about the resignation of Sen. Al Franken and what that says about changing norms, Clinton said, "I think it's a good thing that we should all have higher standards," Clinton said. "I think the norms have really changed in terms of, what you can do to somebody against their will, how much you can crowd their space, make them miserable at work."

USA Today (6/11, Cummings, 11.4M) reports that Clinton "said that Franken was 'a difficult case' for him because while there may be facts he doesn't know about the allegations, many of Franken's past female colleagues came to his defense." Clinton said, "Maybe I'm just an old-fashioned person... but it seemed to me that there were 29 women on 'Saturday Night Live' that put out a statement for him, and that the first and most fantastic story was called, I believe, into question." Referring to Franken's resignation, he added that it is "a grievous thing to take away from the people a decision they have made. ... But it's done now."

Poll: 53% See Clinton As A Sexual Predator. Katie Pavlich writes on Townhall (6/11, 209K) that the latest Rasmussen Reports poll

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found that "just 24% of Likely U.S. Voters consider Clinton a victim of his political opponents. Fifty-three percent (53%) describe the ex-president as a sexual predator instead. Another 24% are undecided."

Broadway Veterans, Trump Critics Struggle With De Niro's Tony Comments. The Washington Post (6/11, Zeitchik, 15.68M) reports that actor Robert De Niro's speech at the Tony Awards, in which he said, "F---Trump. ... It's no longer down with Trump...but F--- Trump," made "a Broadway extravaganza and a beloved American actor...a lighting-rod referendum on Trumpism." The Post adds that a post-ceremony parties, "the Trump moment was on many Broadway veterans' minds. They just couldn't figure out what to make of it or whether what he did was a good thing."

The Washington Times (6/11, Chasmar, 460K) reports that MSNBC host Joe Scarborough said De Niro and those who applauded his comments are unwittingly aiding the President's re-election. Scarborough said, "If people that applauded De Niro's statement last night don't understand that they are helping Donald Trump's re-election every time they do something like that, they don't understand."

Twitter CEO Draws Fire For Chick-Fil-A Post During Pride Month. USA Today (6/11, Carrig, 11.4M) reports that Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey apologized after a tweet in which he said he ordered food from Chick-fil-A drew criticism on social media. Dorsey was criticized "for supporting Chick-fil-A during" June, which is LGBTQ Pride Month. In 2012, Chick-fil-A "came under fire from gay rights supporters...because of comments made by the fast food chicken chain's CEO, Dan Cathy, expressing opposition to same-sex marriage" and the company's donations to anti-gay groups. Amid the backlash from his original tweet, Dorsey wrote, "You're right. Completely forgot about their background."

Under the headline "Jack Dorsey Chickens Out," a Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial takes issue with the criticism of Dorsey and argues the Chick-fil-A restaurants serves everyone and Cathy was expressing his personal beliefs when he voiced opposition to gay marriage.

Rubio Defends Chick-Fil-A. The Washington Times (6/11, Richardson, 460K) reports that Sen. Marco Rubio "stood up for Chick-fil-A" in a series of tweets. Rubio "questioned the prudence of boycotting a company for holding a mainstream Christian view on marriage." He wrote, "This lunacy has gone too far. The CEO of @Twitter bullied into apology for patronizing @ChickfilA because owners support "biblical definition of marriage. Holding a personal view taught by mainstream Christianity is now boycott worthy." Rubio followed that with another, saying, "@ChickfilA isn't denying service to anyone. But if you eat there you must be attacked by the twitter mob b/c owner agrees with what his church teaches about marriage? Why would twitter mob stop at biz owned by Christians? Who is next? Christian schools? Christian charities?" In a final tweet, Rubio wrote, "The message from latest @ChickfilA incident is this: "Your church can still teach traditional marriage (which by the way we will still label as a bigoted belief) but don't you dare repeat it outside of church or we will come after you, your business and/or your job."

EDITORIAL WRAP-UP

New York Times. ***"The Healthcare Stalkers."*** The New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) similarly argues in an editorial that Democrats who hope "to make health care a centerpiece of midterm election campaigns just got a gift from the Trump administration," as the Justice Department has "declined to defend the Affordable Care Act against a lawsuit filed by 20 Republican-led states," and is "arguing for the repeal of enormously popular consumer protections, including coverage of pre-existing conditions."

"America Isolated." The New York Times (6/11, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) writes on its editorial page that last weekend's G7 summit was "a confirmation that so long as Mr. Trump is in the White House, and maybe beyond that, something fundamental in the community of Western democracies will be missing. America, the leader of the free world and the architect of so much of the modern world order, had decided to go its own way." The Times argues that "it's past time to recognize that this president has transformed 'America First' into 'America Alone,' and that this is the last place a great and powerful nation wants to be."

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Washington Post. ***"Why Are Republicans So Determined To Discourage People From Voting?"*** The Washington Post (6/11, 15.68M) editorializes that "though the [Supreme Court] majority determined that" Ohio's approach to purging the voter rolls "is legal, it is not wise," as "states should be encouraging more civic participation, not less." The Post adds that in the US, "political legitimacy flows from popular approval," and "systematically discouraging sections of the populace from voting is cynical and detrimental to the democracy."

"Canada Has Every Right To Be Insulted." The Washington Post editorializes that Canada "has every right to be insulted that Mr. Trump would invoke national security in their trade dispute. Canada has stood with the United States in every modern war and crisis. There is no doubt that the United States could rely on Canadian steel and aluminum if another crisis developed, obviating the stated rationale for imposing the tariffs." Trump's "trade offensive," it argues, "is an insult."

Wall Street Journal. ***"The Autumn Of Obamacare."*** A Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial says that while Democrats are blaming Republicans for double-digit healthcare premium increases, the problem is the structure of the ACA. As the election approaches, the Journal adds, Republicans will have to refute the Democrats' false claims.

"Jack Dorsey Chickens Out." A Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial takes issue with criticism of Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey over a tweet in which he said he ordered food from Chick-fil-A. The Journal argues the Chick-fil-A restaurants serves everyone and that Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy was expressing his personal beliefs when he voiced opposition to gay marriage.

"A Victory For Voting Law." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/11, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) defends the Supreme Court ruling on states purging voter rolls, hailing it as a step toward more accurate voter rolls.

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Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "When he left the G7, Trump said his relationship with the other leaders was a 10. He rated it a 10. And then a few hours later, I guess he didn't like the idea that the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau didn't do as he was told, and so Trump tweeted, 'PM Justin Trudeau of Canada acted so meek and mild during our G7 meetings, only to give a news conference after I left saying that US tariffs were kind of insulting and he will not be pushed around. Very dishonest and weak. Our tariffs are in response to his of 270 percent on dairy.' Bearing in mind that first of all, our dairy trade with Canada – it's only about $600 million a year, which is about what it costs for him to play golf every week."

Jimmy Kimmel: "And he justified these new tariffs in the first place by saying our national security was at stake. Now he's saying it's because of dairy. How does Canadian dairy threaten our national security? Are they planning to churn us to death? Are they going to drop cheese curds on us and turn us into poutine?"

Jimmy Kimmel: "And who has a problem with Canada? No one has a problem with Canada. It's like picking a fight with 'Nilla Wafers. No one does it. It's ridiculous."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Trump also threatened to cut off all trade with the other six nations at the summit. All our closest allies. We would not trade with them anymore. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she found his actions at the summit to be sobering and depressing. And when a German finds you to be sobering and depressing – bad news. This is the country that gave us Hitler and David Hasselhoff."

Stephen Colbert: "Folks, it is an historic evening because, as we speak, President Trump is meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, a scenario that, just a few years ago, would have been unthinkable because it includes the phrase 'President Trump.'"

Stephen Colbert: "So tensions are high. The

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United States is on the precipice of unthinkable international conflict, and that's with Canada."

Stephen Colbert: "If you're one of those nerds who values the Western alliance that has safeguarded democracy for 70 years, it was a tough weekend for you because Canada hosted the G7, and it did not go 'the good.' Keep in mind, the G7 are our trading partners, and right before he attended, Donald Trump declared protectionist trade tariffs against all of them. That's like showing up to an AA meeting with Captain Morgan."

James Corden: "Tomorrow is the big summit meeting between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. Trump spent the day preparing for the summit, which basically means he wrote on his hands, 'South Korea good, North Korea bad,' so he doesn't get confused."

James Corden: "When asked by reporters how he will know if North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is serious about a peace treaty, President Trump said he will use his 'touch and feel.' This may not be a great plan. The last time Trump used his 'touch and feel' method, he had to pay Stormy Daniels $130,000."

James Corden: "Honestly, it may work. After three minutes of being touched and felt by Trump, Kim Jong-un is just going to shout, 'Fine, take the nukes! Just stop touching me!'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Tonight in Singapore, Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un finally came face to face. Or in Kim's case, more like face to belly button."

Jimmy Fallon: "There's a lot riding on this meeting. Last night, Kim spent hours preparing, while at the same time, Trump was in bed waiting for 'Spongebob' to perform on the Tonys."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met tonight in Singapore after we taped our show. So if you're watching this on TV right now, either it went well, or you have a TV in your fallout shelter."

Seth Meyers: "Dennis Rodman arrived in Singapore today for the summit with Kim Jong-un. So at least if Kim launches a nuclear missile, Rodman will be there to grab the rebound."

Conan O'Brien: "This past weekend, President Trump told reporters he'll know if the Kim Jong-un meeting is going well by 'touch and feel.' That's what he said. In other words, Trump's lawyer is going to have to pay Kim Jong-un $130,000."

Conan O'Brien: "North Korean leader Kim Jong-un brought his own toilet to the summit in Singapore. When he saw the toilet, President Trump said, 'Oh, so you're planning to tweet, too.'"

Conan O'Brien: "President Trump said that during the North Korea summit, he will not focus on human rights abuses. Trump said, 'My marriage is no one's business.'"

Trevor Noah: "White House staffers have reportedly been taping pieces of paper back together after President Trump rips them up. They need to tape them back together to comply with the Presidential Records Act. According to Politico, the papers include letters and official documents required by law to be preserved and sent to the National Archives. ... President Trump's tearing up official documents? I mean, let's not act surprised. After all, he spent the last year tearing up the Constitution."

Trevor Noah: "I don't know why Trump rips up all his paper. My guess is to show off how strong he is. 'Would an unhealthy President be able to do this?!'"

Trevor Noah: Trump said "he wants Russia to be welcomed back into the G8. I don't know if Trump colluded with Russia, but if everyone was accusing me of colluding with Russia, I wouldn't be caught dead mentioning their name. If your girlfriend accused you of cheating with Keisha, even if you didn't do it, shut up about Keisha, just shut up."

Trevor Noah: "Trump went into the G7 for a run-of-the-mill check-in with America's allies and came out full-on beefing with Canada, the Ned Flanders of countries."

Trevor Noah: "Emmanuel Macron called Trump incoherent, and Angela Merkel said it is sobering and depressing. She is German, so everything is sobering and depressing to her. She was at breakfast saying, 'I find this pancake both sobering and depressing.'"

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Administration Says It Has Devised A Plan To Reunite Some 2,000 Separated Children With Parents. The Washington Post (6/24, Miroff, Sacchetti, 15.68M) reports that late Saturday, the Trump Administration indicated "it is taking steps to reunify hundreds of Central American parents separated from their children during the recent border crackdown, with plans to then deport them from a remote detention facility in South Texas." The Administration said it has in its custody 2,053 children who were separated from their parents, and that it has already released 522 immigrant children to family members. The government stated, "The United States government knows the location of all children in its custody and is working to reunite them with their families. ... This process is well coordinated." The article adds that on Sunday, an Administration official said "the number of children returned to their families to date may be 'slightly higher' than 522 because the Department of Health and Human Services has released some minors to the custody of other sponsors, typically close relatives."

The CBS Weekend News (6/24, lead story, 2:40, Quijano, 5.32M) reported in its lead story, "Officials said Saturday night more than 2,000

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separated minors remained in government facilities. ... But it's not known how long the process to reunite families will take."

The New York Times (6/24, Jett, Zaveri, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that the Administration's "efforts to match separated migrant children with their guardians face considerable obstacles." In addition, "the process of reuniting families as well as the indefinite detention they face once they're back together could have psychological consequences for parents and children alike, experts said." The article says government workers, "some of whom were conflicted about Mr. Trump's policy, have been working overtime in an effort to reunite the thousands of children and parents who were separated at the border over a period of several weeks this spring." The piece mentions that HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement "has a toll-free number set up for parents looking for their children."

ABC World News Tonight (6/24, story 6, 2:15, Johnson, 14.63M) reported that "there's chaos at the border" as the Trump Administration is "releasing a plan to reunite the migrant families."

The CBS Weekend News (6/24, story 2, 1:05, Quijano, 5.32M) reported, "We have also learned that Immigration And Customs Enforcement have dedicated the Port Isabel detention center as the primary family reunification center for adults in their custody."

On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (6/24, A1, Radnofsky, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports Administration officials indicated that they want to deport reunited families, not keep them in the US. The article says HHS has been caring for the children who were separated from their parents as a result of the Administration's zero tolerance policy, as well as for unaccompanied immigrant teens. The department has more than 2,000 of the former, and about 10,000 of the latter.

The AP (6/24, Long) reports that the Department of Homeland Security and other departments unveiled a "zero-tolerance prosecution and family reunification" fact sheet on Saturday. The fact sheet does not indicate how long it may take to reunite families, but it does say parents must ask that their children be deported with them. The article adds that precisely how the Administration "would reunite families has been unclear because the families are first stopped by Customs and Border Patrol, with children taken into custody by HHS and adults detained through Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

Reuters (6/24, Torbati) reports that the Administration released the information about its plan following "criticism from lawyers for parents and children who have said they have seen little evidence of an organized system." The article adds that the fact sheet says "children are given the chance to speak with a 'vetted parent, guardian or relative' within 24 hours of arriving at a facility run by Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)."

The Los Angeles Times (6/24, King, 4.03M) reports that Democrats "responded skeptically Sunday to the Trump administration's assertion that it has a process in place to reunite more than 2,000 'separated minors' with their parents."

In a separate article, the Washington Post (6/24, Sacchetti, Miller, Moore, 15.68M) reports Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) said, "It's clear" that "they're not running a reunification process here."

Also covering the story were NBC Nightly News (6/24, story 2, 2:00, Snow, 8.26M), CNN (6/23, Kopan, 82.6M), the Los Angeles Times (6/23, Dolan, 4.03M), NBC News, (6/24, Gambos, 5.76M) NPR (6/24, Van Sant, 3.55M), Boston Globe (6/24, Goodwin, 945K), the Arizona Republic (6/23, Náñez, Wang, 1.21M), the New York Post (6/24, Moore, 4.46M), and Vox (6/23, Kirby, 1.66M).

HHS Establishes Task Force To Reunite Separated Immigrant Families. HHS has established an "'unaccompanied children reunification task force,' a first step toward reunifying thousands of migrant children in the agency's custody with their families, according to an internal document obtained by" Politico (6/22, Diamond, 3.51M), which added that "the task force was established by the assistant secretary for preparedness and response – the arm of the agency that responds to public health disasters, and an indication that the challenge of reunifying thousands of families is likely beyond the capabilities of the refugee office." The order read, "The Secretary of Health and Human Services has directed the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response assist the ACF Office of Refugee Resettlement with Unaccompanied Children Reunification." HHS spokesperson Evelyn Stauffer said HHS Secretary Alex Azar "is bringing to bear all the relevant resources of the department in order to

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assist in the reunification or placement of unaccompanied alien children and teenagers with a parent or appropriate sponsor."

In the NBC Nightly News (6/22, lead story, 2:35, Holt, 6.6M) lead segment, Gabe Gutierrez reported HHS has "a network of about 100 shelters...in 17 states" and "says the average stay of a child at its shelters is 57 days." According to HHS spokesman Mark Weber, "We are working as fast as we possibly can to find safe homes for these children."

Although the AP (6/22, Merchant, Bryan, Long) reported that a senior Administration official on Thursday said "about 500 of the more than 2,300 children separated from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border have been reunited since May," and Mireya Villarreal reported on the lead CBS Evening News (6/22, lead story, 2:35, Glor, 5.03M) segment that a senior Administration official announced "the rest of the 1,800 that still remain separated will be reunited by Sunday," the Los Angeles Times (6/22, Ulloa, 4.03M) said federal officials nonetheless warned on Friday that "the process of reunifying families who have been separated at the border could take months."

Meanwhile, Reuters (6/22, Hals) reported that US District Court Judge Dana Sabraw "said on Friday he could rule as soon as the middle of next week on a request to order the U.S. government to reunite thousands of immigrant children who were separated from their parents after illegally crossing the Mexico-U.S. border." The article added that Sabraw "peppered a government lawyer with questions," but he "declined to rule at the hearing without further briefing and suggested the ACLU provide details for procedures for reuniting parents and children." Politico (6/22, Gerstein, 3.51M) reported that Sabraw said, "What's happened in this case is unusual in that the case has developed in the media." He added that if he issues an injunction, "there has to be some evidentiary basis for it other than newspaper and television and radio accounts."

However, on ABC's Good Morning America (6/22, 4.2M), David Muir reported that "some of the first of the parents and children [are] reuniting after being separated at the border, but there's still so many at more than a dozen shelters around the country, including babies and young children." Jon Karl added that "for most of the children taken away from their parents because of President Trump's 'zero tolerance' policy, it is unclear...how or when they'll be reunited with their families."

On CBS This Morning (6/22, 2.91M), David Begnaud reported from McAllen, Texas that, in regards to the 2,000 children separated from their families, the key question now is "how and when are they going to be reunited?" At the opening of CNN's New Day (6/22, 424K), Alisyn Camerota said, "There's so much confusion this morning, particularly for the parents of these kids, and heartbreak. Can you imagine not knowing at this hour where your child is, what state, what condition that child is in? It's two days since President Trump signed the order halting those family separations, but children are still not reunited with their parents, and those parents don't know where their kids are."

USA Today (6/22, Hughes, 11.4M) similarly said the executive order "sowed more confusion into what was already a complicated system of law enforcement, courts, warehouse-like detention buildings and re-purposed daycare centers," while AFP (6/22, Macor, Handley, Handley) added that "the fate of 2,300 children wrested from their parents at the US border with Mexico remained unclear Friday" as "conflicting messages were contributing to a sense of chaos in the handling of the crisis."

On MSNBC's Morning Joe (6/22, 1.02M), Mika Brzezinski said in the that wake of Trump's executive order, "now we have...chaos," and "the mystery behind where some of these children are. Where some of these babies are. Where the girls are. Who's with them. What's happening to them? Will some never see their parents again? I think there's some distinct possibilities that that's possible. They may never see their families again."

The Chicago Tribune (6/22, Briscoe, 2.37M) reported that the Heartland Alliance, a Chicago nonprofit, "said Friday it is housing 66 [im]migrant children who have been separated from their parents in the past six weeks," and "after days of staying out of the political controversy surrounding...Trump's immigration policy, Heartland officials directly condemned the practice of separating children from their parents at the United States' southern border while asking for support from the community while they look after the minors in their care." Heartland Alliance President Evelyn Diaz warned that reuniting the children with their families is "like [going] on a scavenger hunt."

The AP (6/22, Fox) and Miami Herald (6/22, Sweet, Medina, 1.07M) described a visit to the

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Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children. The Herald said that the facility is "under such tight control that Sen. Bill Nelson, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and other government officials were turned away on Tuesday," but "Friday's guided, one-hour tour seemed to be an attempt to dispel this idea." The Herald added that "cellphones and audio or video recording equipment were prohibited," and HHS spokesman Mark Weber said that this policy is a matter of protecting the privacy of minors in the shelters.

Also covering the story were an ABC World News Tonight (6/22, story 2, 3:10, Muir, 7.47M) segment, the Wall Street Journal (6/22, Calvert, Levitz, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), the AP, (6/24, Thomas, Superville) the Washington Post (6/21, Hsu, 15.68M), The Hill (6/22, Bowden, 2.71M), Newsweek (6/23, Zhao, 2.18M), the Boston Globe (6/22, Johnson, 945K), AFP (6/23), the Daily Caller (6/23, Cohen, 420K), and Axios (6/22, Britzky, 2.49M).

Trump Says Undocumented Immigrants Should Not Be Allowed Due-Process Rights. In a front-page article, the Washington Post (6/24, A1, Rucker, Weigel, 15.68M) reports that on Sunday, President Trump "explicitly advocated depriving undocumented immigrants of their due-process rights, arguing that people who cross the border into the United States illegally must immediately be deported without trial – and sowing more confusion among Republicans ahead of a planned immigration vote this week." He tweeted, "We cannot allow all of these people to invade our Country," adding, "When somebody comes in, we must immediately, with no Judges or Court Cases, bring them back from where they came. Our system is a mockery to good immigration policy and Law and Order. Most children come without parents."

NBC Nightly News (6/24, lead story, 2:40, Snow, 8.26M) reported in its lead story, "Since the day he announced his candidacy, President Trump promised a tough line on immigration and border security," and "this morning on Twitter, he took it to a new level" by "deriding current US immigration policy as, quote, laughed at all over the world. And calling for people who enter the US illegally to be immediately sent back without seeing a judge." The segment adds, "The President's edict fails to recognize constitutional due process" and "long established case law that grants that protection to non-citizens."

USA Today (6/24, Bacon, 11.4M) reports Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) responded to the comments, saying, "That's not what our country stands for. ... We do have a system of laws."

On its front page, the New York Times (6/24, A1, Rogers, Stolberg, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that the president's "aggressive attack" was "another twist in a head-spinning series of developments on immigration since the administration announced a 'zero tolerance' policy two months ago."

Bloomberg News (6/24, Epstein, 4.46M) reports that this "stepped-up rhetoric came after the administration announced a series of steps to reunite families that had been separated at the border under a now-abandoned policy, and drew a sharp retort from the American Civil Liberties Union." Omar Jadwat, director of the ACLU's Immigrants Rights Project, stated, "What President Trump has suggested here is both illegal and unconstitutional. ... Any official who has sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution and laws should disavow it unequivocally." On Sunday, Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) said Trump's "choice of words was being used to gin up his supporters for the mid-terms."

Reuters (6/24, Chiacu, Lynch) reports that since the President backed away from his policy of separating immigrant children from their parents, he "has redoubled his criticism of U.S. immigration laws on Twitter and in speeches where he likened illegal immigrants to invaders trying to 'break into' the country."

The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger (6/24, Salant, 1.58M) reports Sen. Angus King (I-ME) made the point on NBC's "Meet the Press" that "people coming to claim asylum are not illegal immigrants," rather, "under the law, they have a right to establish their claim of asylum, that they're in a legitimate fear for their life, that they're fleeing persecution in their home country."

Also covering the story are the AP (6/24), another article in the AP (6/24, Superville), NBC News (6/24, Silva, 5.76M), Politico (6/24, Griffiths, 3.51M), The Hill (6/24, Thomsen, 2.71M), the Miami Herald (6/24, Madan, 1.07M), TIME (6/24, Abramson, 19.27M), and the Washington Examiner (6/24, Williams, 340K).

GOP Leaders Worried Trump's Tweets Will Derail Efforts To Pass Immigration Bill. The AP (6/24, Fram) reports that Republican apprehension over President Trump's "next tweet and fear of riling conservative voters are

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undermining GOP leaders' election-year struggle to shove an immigration bill through the House this week, leaving their prospects dubious." Republican leaders are "trying to finally secure the votes they need for their wide-ranging bill with tweaks they hope will goose support from the GOP's dueling conservative and moderate wings. But more importantly, wavering Republicans want Trump to provide political cover for immigration legislation that's despised by hard-right voters."

ABC World News Tonight (6/24, story 3, 1:15, Johnson, 14.63M) reported, "Republican lawmakers, set to vote on immigration reform bills this week that will fail to pass without Democratic support, [are] asking the President to cool his tough talk."

Lawmaker Says Trump Is "100 Percent" Behind House Immigration Measure. USA Today (6/24, Kelly, 11.4M) reports House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX) said Sunday that President Trump remains "100 percent" behind a compromise House immigration bill, "despite Trump saying last week that Congress should give up its legislative efforts until after the election in November." The article says McCaul and House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) are pushing "a bill that would provide a pathway to citizenship for about 1.8 million young immigrants brought to the USA as children, provide about $23 billion for a border wall and place limits on legal immigration." In addition, the measure "would allow children and their parents to remain together at detention centers if they're caught crossing the border illegally." The piece adds that if the bill does not pass, "the House will probably take up a narrow measure that would stop federal officials from separating children from their parents."

The CBS Weekend News (6/24, story 3, 2:10, Quijano, 5.32M) reported, "With support from President Trump, Republican Congressman Michael McCaul plans to put his so called Consensus Immigration Bill up for vote in the House soon." The segment added, "Its chances of passing, though, are slim."

ABC World News Tonight (6/24, story 5, 0:30, Johnson, 14.63M) reported, "There's a vote on a compromise bill Tuesday, but that bill is unlikely to pass." Tara Palmieri added, "Sources are telling me Republicans are working on a more narrow bill that will cancel the 20-day cap on detention for children so they can stay with their parents. But even that bill is unlikely to get much support from Democrats."

The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that if the bill fails to pass, it will highlight the lack of consensus among Republicans on how to handle immigration.

Bloomberg News (6/22, House, Edgerton, Dopp, 4.46M), The Hill (6/24, Mitchell, 2.71M), and Politico (6/24, Tamborrino, 3.51M) also cover the story.

Lankford Says Trump Administration Knows Where Every Separated Immigrant Is Located. Politico (6/24, Tamborrino, 3.51M) reports that on NBC's "Meet the Press," Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) was asked "whether the Trump administration had been supplying Congress with specific details on children separated at the border resulting from its 'zero tolerance' effort, Lankford told Todd the administration knew where every child was located." He stated, "Let me clarify this. ... We know where every single child is." Lankford added, "These are career professionals that work with HHS, and that work with DHS in Customs and Border Patrol and ICE – these are not political appointees. ... These are career folks. They know where every child is, to be able to connect them to their parent or their relative that came."

The Washington Times (6/24, Richardson, 460K) and the Washington Examiner (6/24, Lim, 340K) also cover the story.

Lawmakers Say Conditions At Texas Shelter Are "Livable," But Express Concern About Reunification Of Immigrant Families. Bloomberg News (6/23, Epstein, 4.46M) reported that several lawmakers "visited what's been called a tent city for unaccompanied immigrant children" in Tornillo, Texas on Saturday and described conditions there as being "livable, yet voiced concerns about what's next for them amid confusion about the family reunification process." Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) said that he is "very worried that we're headed from one humanitarian crisis to another," and urged Attorney General Jeff Sessions, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, and Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen to "give us a plan" outlining how families will be reunited. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) added that the visit "probably raised more questions than it answered." The article added that "some two dozen Democratic House lawmakers visited a border detention center in McAllen, Texas, on

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Saturday, marking the second weekend in a row that Democrats have toured the facility to examine conditions and the treatment of immigrants held there."

Some Florida State, Local Lawmakers Not Allowed To Visit Homestead Shelter. The Miami Herald (6/23, Vassolo, Flechas, 1.07M) reported that on Saturday, Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Ted Deutch (D-FL), and Darren Soto (D-FL) were given a tour of the Homestead shelter which houses 1,179 immigrant children. The article said five Miami-Dade and state elected officials sought to accompany them, but were denied entry and told they need to provide two weeks' notice before a visit could be approved. Mark Weber, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at HHS, "told the lawmakers that HHS needed more notice to accommodate their requests. He said the lawmakers could tour the facility at a later date."

Nelson, Wasserman Schultz Say Homestead Shelter Is Taking Good Care Of Immigrant Children. The Fort Myers (FL) News-Press (6/23, 208K) reported that "70 migrant children forcibly taken from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border are in good hands in Homestead, Democratic leaders led by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz concluded Saturday after touring the shelter." Wasserman Schultz said, "It is inexplicable to me why Sen. Nelson and I were not allowed to see it when we asked on Tuesday." For his part, Nelson stated, "The facilities are nice. ... The question is the reunification of the 2,300 children across the country separated from their parents. How long will they be detained?"

Lee Says It Was "Heart-Wrenching" To Visit Immigrant Facility In McAllen, Texas. The Hill (6/24, Samuels, 2.71M) reports that on Sunday, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) "compared holding facilities for [im]migrant families to prisons." Discussing her tour of a facility in McAllen, TX on CNN's "State of the Union," Lee said, "It was heart-wrenching. The images that we see on the media really speak volumes to what's taking place but when you see it in person it's horrific." She "said she saw a boy and a girl, each about 3 years old, crying in cells by themselves."

Rubio Says Congress Can Take Action To Keep Immigrant Families Together. The AP (6/22) reported that on Friday, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) "visited a Miami-area facility housing more than 1,000 teenage migrants." Following the visit, Rubio "said he didn't speak to any of the children inside the Homestead complex because of privacy regulations." Rubio acknowledged that "splitting up families at the border was 'a terrible situation' but the U.S. doesn't have the money or the capacity to hold families together when they're detained by immigration authorities." He added that Congress would have to take action to keep immigrant families together.

Christie Blames DOJ For Administration's Handling Of Zero Tolerance Policy. The Hill (6/24, Samuels, 2.71M) reports that on Sunday, Chris Christie blamed "the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Trump administration's handling of its 'zero tolerance' policy and the subsequent separation of [im]migrant families that prompted overwhelming backlash in the weeks since its implementation." On ABC's "This Week," Christie said, "I think one of the things that hasn't been talked about this week, George (Stephanopoulos), is the president was enormously ill served by the Department of Justice." He added, "If the attorney general come in and says to the president, 'I want you to do a zero tolerance policy, but let me just tell you, we don't have enough judges to handle the cases, we don't have enough prosecutors to bring the cases, and we don't have enough detention facilities to legally detain the people that we're going to show zero tolerance to,' the president would have never approved this."

New York Governor Fighting Administration Over Immigration Policy. In an article that examined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (D) growing role in fighting the Administration on its immigration policy, the New York Times (6/22, McKinley, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported that he sent a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar on Friday "asking for information on the 345 separated children the state has managed to count thus far." The Times conceded Cuomo "may have originally seemed to some to have been driven by political opportunism," but his "efforts on behalf of the [im]migrant children have earned praise from advocates, who have been equally outspoken about the president's so-called 'zero tolerance' policy of separating children."

The Washington Times (6/22, Muñoz, 460K) reported that on Friday, Cuomo "slammed the Department of Health and Human Services on Friday, claiming he has not been given enough information on the immigration children

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transported to his state." He said, "I know nothing from HHS. All I know is what I'm putting together."

The AP (6/22, Carola) reported that Cuomo also said on Friday that some of the separated immigrant children who have been sent to New York "need psychological counseling for the traumatizing ordeal." The governor described his visit to one shelter "as 'troubling' during the NY1 interview. He said the facility is housing children ages about 11 to 18, with some of them 'in a state of shock' and requiring 'serious significant psychological assistance.'"

More Immigrant Children Being Sent To New York City Even As Some Are Reunited With Families. The New York Daily News (6/22, McShane, Ruscoe, Hussain, 3.71M) reported that on Friday, officials in New York City "braced...for a new surge of migrant children coming to the city from the Mexican border – even as 100 were already reunited with their parents." Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) said local officials "were told 'there will be a growing number of unaccompanied minors coming in.'" The article added that about 100 children sent to facilities in Harlem had "already been...returned to their families."

New York Officials Unable To Determine How Many Immigrant Children Have Been Sent To The State. The New York Times (6/22, Robbins, Correal, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported that as of Friday, "officials in New York still did not have answers to even the most basic questions about the children who had been separated from their parents at the southern border and relocated 2,000 miles away: How many were there, and where had they been placed?" Both Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) and Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) wrote letters to HHS seeking those answers. The article added that this "confusion underscored just how chaotic the situation was, with lawyers frantically scrambling to figure out how to represent the children, and Cayuga, which had the most children, urgently looking for staff and asking for more Spanish-speaking volunteers to serve as foster parents."

Sen. Schumer Calls For Appointment Of Immigration Czar To Reunite Children. The New York Daily News (6/24, Gibson, 3.71M) reports Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) called on the Trump Administration Sunday to appoint an immigration czar to handle reunification of families. Schumer explained, "What we found out of over the years is when there are separate agencies trying to solve a single problem it works slowly at best, and sometimes doesn't work at all."

Newsday (NY) (6/24, O'Keeffe, 1.52M) reports Schumer said, "Three different agencies, three different Cabinet members in charge." He added, "No one is really in charge if there are three people in charge. We need one person in charge."

Proposed New York State Bill Would Allow Undocumented Immigrants Facing Deportation To Select Legal Guardians For Their Children. The New York Daily News (6/22, Lovett, 3.71M) reported, "Undocumented immigrant parents facing possible deportation from New York would be able to choose a guardian to care for their kids under a bill that won final approval in the Legislature last week." The measure "would expand the standby guardianship law created in the 1980s during the AIDS crisis that has mainly been used by parents diagnosed with a terminal illness to transfer guardianship of their kids to someone they know and trust."

Immigrants Reportedly Asked To Sign Voluntary Deportation Documents In Exchange For Being Reunited With Children. The Hill (6/24, Samuels, 2.71M) reports that Central American immigrants who have been detained and "separated from their children have been told they can reunite with them if they agree to voluntarily deportations, The Texas Tribune reported Sunday." The Tribune, citing a man from Honduras and two immigration attorneys, said "the migrants have been told they would be reunited with their children at an airport if they agree to sign off on deportations." The man "said he gave up his asylum case and signed the paperwork in an effort to reunite with his 6-year-old daughter," but "he's now trying to rescind his agreement and fight his case in court." The article adds that lawmakers from both parties "have called family separations 'cruel' and 'inhumane.'"

Immigrants Deported Without Their Children Describe Their "Anguish." AFP (6/24) reports that Central American immigrants "deported from the US without their children spoke of their anguish at seeing their families split under President Donald Trump's 'zero tolerance' approach Saturday, as protesters kept up the pressure against the 'barbaric' policy." So far, about 500 immigrant children have been reunited with family members. But it remains to be seen "how quickly the rest of the reunifications can be carried out." Attorneys "working to bring families

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back together said they were struggling through a labyrinthine process – while more [im]migrants continue to arrive."

The Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times (6/24, Alvarado, 126K) reports that the Department of Homeland Security and HHS issued a news release which explained that "separate deportations are a choice given to parents." It stated, "A parent who is ordered removed from the U.S. may request that his or her minor child accompany them. ... It should be noted that in the past many parents have elected to be removed without their children."

Detention, Process Of Reunification Can Be Psychologically Traumatic For Separated Immigrant Children, Experts Warn. The New York Times (6/22, Carey, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported, "The chaotic process of reuniting thousands of migrant children and parents separated by the Trump administration's 'zero tolerance' policy poses great psychological risks, both short- and long-term, mental health experts said on Friday." They also warned that "holding those families indefinitely while they await legal proceedings" poses similar risks. The article added, "The administration has no clear plan to reunite migrant families, which is sure to carry a psychological price for migrant parents and more than 2,300 children separated from them at the border in recent months." About 400 of these children are under the age of 12, and many are toddlers.

NBC Nightly News (6/24, story 3, 1:40, Snow, 8.26M) reported, "Child psychologists...say reunifications can be as fraught as the separation itself."

On its front page, the Washington Post (6/24, A1, Sacchetti, Sieff, Fisher, 15.68M) reports that the "children who were forcibly separated from their parents at the border by the United States government are all over the country now, in Michigan and Maryland, in foster homes in California and shelters in Virginia, in cold, institutional settings with adults who are not permitted to touch them or with foster parents who do not speak Spanish but who hug them when they cry." The Post says, "The children have been through hell. ... And now they live and wait in unfamiliar places: big American suburban houses where no one speaks their language; a locked shelter on a dusty road where they spend little time outside; a converted Walmart where each morning they are required to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, in English, to the country that holds them apart from their parents."

The Atlantic (6/22, Khazan, 3.08M) reported that immigrant children separated from their parents "still face great turmoil, beyond the stress of the immigration experience itself," in spite of President Trump's new executive order. Dr. Colleen Kraft, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, warned that such "trauma can permanently affect the brains of these children, and potentially their long-term development," according to the article. Kraft, who visited one of the shelters overseen by HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement, "described seeing a room full of toddlers that was 'eerily silent,'" with the exception of "one little girl, who was 'sobbing and wailing and beating her fists on the mat.'" A staff worker attempted "to comfort her with books and toys, but she wasn't allowed to pick her up or touch her, Kraft said."

Journalists Allowed To Tour Homestead Shelter For Immigrant Children On Friday. The AP (6/22, Fox) reported that on Friday, Administration officials "provided a glimpse...into a South Florida facility housing more than 1,000 teenage migrants, seeking to dispel any suggestions that children are being mistreated." The article said, "Private contractors who run the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children, about 25 miles (42 kilometers) southwest of Miami, showed journalists around the campus like-complex for about an hour." Reporters were not allowed "to interview the children, and no cameras or recorders of any kind were allowed inside." They were shown "dorm-style buildings where children sleep up to 12 per room in steel-framed bunk beds, and warehouse-sized, air-conditioned white tents where minors attend classes and watch movies."

Majority Of Americans Say Treatment Of Immigrants At The US-Mexico Border Will Affect Their Vote In The Midterms. The Hill (6/24, Samuels, 2.71M) reports in its "Blog Briefing Room" that some "60 percent of Americans say the treatment of migrant families arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border is important to their vote in this year's midterms, according to a new" CBS News/YouGov poll. Data show "one-third of Americans indicated the issue will be very important to their vote." In addition, 84 percent of Democrats "said the issue will be important to

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their vote, while 43 percent of Republicans said the same."

Trump Administration Seeks To Expand Use Of Family Detention For Immigrants With Children. The AP (6/23, Taxin) reported, "The Trump administration is calling for the expanded use of family detention for immigrant parents and children who are stopped along the U.S.-Mexico border, a move decried by advocates as a cruel and ineffective attempt to deter families from coming to the United States." On Friday, immigration authorities said "they may seek up to 15,000 beds to detain families. The Justice Department has also asked a federal court in California to allow children to be detained longer and in facilities that don't require state licensing while they await immigration court proceedings."

HHS Considering Using Former Japanese-American Internment Camp To House Immigrant Children. The AP (6/22, Grabenstein) reported that some "75 years after federal officials shuttered a Japanese-American internment camp in Rohwer, Arkansas, the Trump administration is examining a site about 2 miles away as a potential temporary shelter for immigrant children." HHS "said Thursday that the government is considering an unused Department of Agriculture property in nearby Kelso as an immigrant shelter, as well as a possible shelter at Little Rock Air Force Base."

Trump Administration Urged To Seek Alternatives To Holding Immigrant Families In Detention. TIME (6/22, Rhodan, 19.27M) reported now that President Trump has reversed his policy of separating immigrant families, his "administration is pursuing another option: holding families together in detention centers." However, "immigrant advocates, who note that approach has already faced successful legal challenges in the past, argue that there are other alternatives that the Trump Administration isn't considering, including one program with an extremely high success rate that Trump already ended." The article added, "One option is to use a combination of GPS tracking and home visits to keep tabs on immigrants who have been picked up, allowing them to stay out of detention while their case works through the legal system."

More Immigrants Entering The US As Administration Begins Effort To Reunite Separated Families. The AP (6/23, Weissert, Spagat) reported that the Trump Administration's zero tolerance policy resulted in some 2,300 children being separated from their parents. President Trump reversed the policy following an international "outcry." The article said it remains unclear "how many asylum-seekers are still entering the country, how many are being detained as families, and how many are being released. Nor it is known how long it will take for all parents and guardians to be reunited with their children."

Some Immigrant Children Separated From Parents Are Being Sent To Minnesota. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/22, Serres, Smith, 1.16M) reported that "a small number of unaccompanied migrant children...have arrived in Minnesota since the federal government began taking a harder line against illegal border crossings." The article added, "They are...the first in an expected surge of unaccompanied minors, forcibly removed from their parents, who are now making their way to distant relatives in Minnesota and surrounding states." It remains to be seen "how many of the children will end up in Minnesota, but immigration law experts say the numbers could reach into the dozens by this fall."

California Attorney Representing Dozens Of Separated Immigrant Mothers, Children. The Arizona Republic (6/23, Náñez, 1.21M) reported that attorney Michael Avenatti said he is "representing about 60 mothers and 70 children separated at the border under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance border policy." The article said Avenatti, the "California attorney who became a regular on news talk shows after representing porn star Stormy Daniels in her legal battle with President Donald Trump, is among a growing number of attorneys nationwide attempting to reunite children with their parents."

Protesters Asked To Not Demonstrate In Front Of Shelters Housing Immigrant Children. Newsday (NY) (6/22, Griffith, Camargo, 1.52M) reported, "Immigration and child welfare advocates are asking protesters not to demonstrate outside shelters housing migrant children for fear of distressing them." The article said that recently, "protesters gathered at LaGuardia Airport and some shelters around the country that are holding children who have been separated from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border." But on Friday, the New York Immigration Coalition urged the public to "refrain from such demonstrations, even if they aim to show support for the children."

HHS, Other Federal Workers Agonized Over Separations Of Immigrant Families. In

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interviews with the New York Times (6/23, Dickerson, Subscription Publication, 19.33M), "more than a dozen employees" at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of Health and Human Services "said they were feeling alienated and exhausted after being ordered to carry out, then halt, the separations – as well as deal with the fallout." The article said the federal employees "agonized" over enforcing the policy, and while "some officials supported the seizing of children from their migrant parents under orders from the White House, others felt helpless in their cubicles, shed tears and went home wracked with guilt." The piece added that regardless of "whether they endorsed the president's policy or abhorred it, employees across the federal system expressed frustration that major changes came without advance notice." The article also said that at HHS, "the suspension of the policy prompted a scramble to begin reuniting parents and children." An unnamed official said, "The reaction was a little bit of happiness but not glee or anything. ... It was like 'O.K., how do we get them back to their parents?'"

Protesters Criticize Administration's Immigration Policies As HHS Moves To Reunite Separated Families. The AP (6/23, Rosenblatt) reported, "From New York City to San Diego on Saturday, thousands of protesters demonstrated against the Trump administration's immigration policies." Rallies promoting the "Keep Families Together" slogan "took place in California, Texas, and New York, as well as in other states, as droves of people focused the protest around the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border." On Saturday, HHS spokesperson Evelyn J. Stauffer said HHS Secretary Alex Azar "is bringing to bear all the relevant resources of the department in order to assist in the reunification or placement of unaccompanied alien children and teenagers with a parent or appropriate sponsor."

The Dallas Morning News (6/23, Manrique, 1.05M) reported, "Calls to end the Trump administration's 'zero-tolerance' crackdown on migrant families escalated Saturday when protesters from Dallas and other cities briefly blocked an immigration bus, while other civil rights leaders launched a nationwide fast." Protesters were chanting, "Set them free!"

The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/23, Weisberg, Diehl, Davis, 664K) reported that thousands demonstrated "in downtown San Diego and at the border Saturday to protest the Trump administration's illegal immigration crackdown that has resulted in children being separated from their parents." The article said these protests, "among several that unfolded nationwide, capped a turbulent week in which the president agreed to halt family separations but detain families together – a directive that left border authorities unsure of how to proceed with future arrests."

Connecticut Offers State Resources To Reunite Families. The AP (6/24) reports that in a letter to HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar, Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy (D) is "offering state resources to help the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with migrant children separated from their parents."

California Regulators To Re-Inspect Facilities Where Separated Immigrant Children Are Housed. The San Jose (CA) Mercury News (6/23, Esquivel, Bermudez, Agrawal, 552K) reported that on Saturday, California regulators said "they will immediately begin inspections at facilities where scores of immigrant children who were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border under a Trump administration crackdown are being held." According to Michael Weston, a spokesman for the Department of Social Services, "state officials were re-inspecting facilities run by groups that have federal contracts to house unaccompanied children. The inspections were to begin Saturday, and were initially focused on providers that work with the youngest children, he said."

Pentagon Preparing Two Bases To House Immigrants. The AP (6/25, Baldor) reports Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced that the Department of Defense is preparing to construct temporary camps for immigrants at two unnamed military bases. The AP adds that the Department of Health and Human Services requested the temporary shelters and will operate them.

The Hill (6/24, Conradis, 2.71M) reports Secretary Mattis said, "The details are being worked out ... about exactly how much capacity they need at the two bases, what other kinds of facilities they need built." The Boston Globe (6/25, 945K) reports the Pentagon "had initially talked about four potential bases, but Mattis indicated the number is now two."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren Tours Immigration Center And Says "It's A Disturbing Picture." The Hill (6/24, Manchester, 2.71M) reports Sen.

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Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) toured an immigration center in McAllen, Texas on Sunday, saying it painted a "disturbing picture." She said, "There are children by themselves" and "I saw a six-month-old baby, little girls, little boys." She added, "There are mothers with their babies, with small children. Family units are together if it's a very small child, but little girls who are 12 years old are taken away from the rest of their families and held separately." Warren also said, "They're all lying on concrete floors in cages. There's just no other way to describe it."

Sen. Lankford Calls Out Trump Administration's Lack Of Transparency On Immigration. The Hill (6/24, Mitchell, 2.71M) reports Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) said on "Meet the Press" that the Trump Administration has not been transparent about its policy on immigrants on the US-Mexico border. He said of the lack of transparency, "Now this has been one of the great frustrations." Lankford defended the Administration's care for children in its custody, saying, "These are career professionals that work with [the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)] ... They know where every child is to be able to connect them to their parent or their relative that came. But HHS often puts them in foster care across several states because they can't handle the load on the southern border."

Teenager Missing After Walking Away From Shelter In Brownsville, Texas. The New York Times (6/24, Zaveri, Fernandez, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports a 15-year-old immigrant boy who was being sheltered in a former Walmart in Brownsville, Texas "disappeared into the borderland" Saturday after he "walked off its premises." The news came as officials from Southwest Key "sought to reassure members of Congress and the news media who had toured the center that the roughly 1,500 boys living there, aged 10 to 17, were well cared for and closely monitored." Jeff Eller, a spokesman for the company, "said on Sunday it could not legally require children to stay on the premises if they sought to leave."

However, NBC News (6/24, 5.76M) reports on its website that the boy is now in Mexico, "according to a source with direct knowledge of the incident."

Brazilian Mother Struggles With US Red Tape To Reunite With Her Son. The New York Times (6/24, Jordan, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports on a Brazilian mother who was separated from her nine-year-old son after they turned themselves in at the United States border. Her son was sent to Chicago while she was released to join relatives in Hyannis, Massachusetts. The Times reports, "While some of the children have been reunited with their parents in recent days, interviews with immigration lawyers and government officials suggest that most of the children are likely to remain parked in group facilities or foster homes for some time to come." The piece describes her struggles with the "red tape" of trying to reunite her family.

New York City's Public Hospitals Have Treated 12 Immigrant Children Separated From Their Parents And Placed In Foster Care. Crain's New York Business (6/22, LaMantia, 233K) reported NYC Health & Hospital CEO Dr. Mitchell Katz said that 12 immigrant children who were placed in foster care after being separated from their parents have been treated at North Central Bronx Hospital and Bellevue. Dr. Daran Kaufman, the director of pediatric emergency services at North Central Bronx, said the patients were treated for different conditions including asthma, constipation, and depression.

TIME (6/22, Ducharme, 19.27M) reported as the children arrive at the hospitals, physicians "say they are doing whatever they can to ease their transition into the United States." Kaufman also said, "It's been quite trying to see these children coming into the emergency room without their parents and seeing how sad and withdrawn they are given what's happened."

Advocates In Texas Question Plan To Reunite Immigrant Families. The Arizona Republic (6/24, 1.21M) reports the departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services "announced late Saturday that they had established a process to ensure family members know the location of their children, have regular communication and can be reunited. 'This process is well coordinated,' the statement said." The Texas Civil Rights Project, "which has also interviewed separated families at the border, said Sunday that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights had formally demanded details on the Trump administration's handling of family separation and reunification."

More Commentary. EJ Dionne, Jr., writes in the Washington Post (6/24, 15.68M) that "President Trump has a special animus toward immigrants, but the children of those crossing our borders are not the only vulnerable people in his

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sights" because the Administration is "waging a less visible war on our nation's poorest citizens, with the complicity of its Republican allies in Congress." Dionne describes the "latest attacks on programs that have long commanded bipartisan support" such as House approval of legislation that would impose additional work requirements on recipients of food stamps. Dionne writes, "It's hard to escape the sense that this is about decimating help for the least fortunate."

In an editorial, the New York Times (6/23, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) blames Republicans for creating the circumstances under which "a president of their party felt he was enforcing its principles by breaking apart families and caging children." While admitting "Trump inherited a broken immigration system," the Times adds "there is also no question that he prefers ranting about its brokenness to making even a token effort at fixing it. And he has even less interest in addressing the root causes of migrant families flocking to the border." The Times concludes Republican lawmakers "owe it to the American people to help keep him in check."

Novelist Oscar Cásares wrote in the Washington Post (6/22, 15.68M) about listening to "seven minutes of an audio recording of small children crying for their mommies and daddies" several times. He explained, "Anyone who's ever cared for a small child, sick or hurt or scared, knows that when the child cries, all else pretty much ceases to exist."

In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/23, 15.68M) wrote that in the days since President Trump signed an executive order "supposedly barring the routine practice of taking children from parents who illegally cross the border from Mexico," many of the "2,500 children separated from their parents since the administration started implementing its zero-tolerance policy in the spring remain in shelters and foster homes all over the country." The Post added that officials in the Administration "appear to have devoted little thought or effort to reunifying families, a process that even under the best of circumstances has legal and logistical challenges." The editorial urges Republicans in Congress to find "a humane solution to the humanitarian crisis that Mr. Trump has created."

Van Jones wrote for CNN (6/23, 82.6M) on its website that in order to ensure that the "thousands of migrant children who have been taken from their families" are reunited with their parents, President Trump "must appoint a 'Family Reunification Czar' immediately." Jones added, "As it stands, many migrant parents have little reassurance that they will quickly find their kids." He recommended , "There needs to be one person in charge of this effort to put these families back together. And that role cannot be symbolic."

Scott Simon wrote NPR (6/23, 3.55M) that "public figures, including the pope, bishops, senators of both parties, and every living spouse of a president spoke out against the Trump administration policy that separated more than 2,300 children crossing the border from their families." Simon emphasized the effect of hearing the childrens' cries during news coverage and concluded, "But we know — and must find a way to report — about the children and families who are still locked up and being kept apart. There are still cries to be heard."

EJ Montini wrote in the Arizona Republic (6/23, 1.21M) that the Trump Administration' Department of Health and Human Services may have "lost" as many as 6,000 unaccompanied children who were taken into custody at the border, according to reporters from McClatchy news service. He asks, "How is it that we don't have a program to adequately keep track of these children and the people with whom we place them?"

Margaret Talbot writes in the New Yorker (6/24, 5.23M) that the "theatre of cruelty unfolding at the southern border last week was the purest distillation yet of what it means to be governed by a President with no moral center." She continues, "Administration officials portray the challenges at the border in stark, binary terms: either we treat all border crossers, including asylum seekers, as dangerous criminals to be incarcerated or we wantonly open the gates to all the world," adding, "There is, of course, a middle path, providing workable and humane alternatives to detention."

Van Newkirk wrote in The Atlantic (6/23, 3.08M) to analyze recent statements by Attorney General Jeff Sessions because they reveal that "Trumpism might be defined mostly by a lack of conviction and a corresponding unwillingness to ever own up to any one policy decision." Newkirk added, "For the thousands of families torn apart by zero tolerance--and some perhaps permanently so--and for the children detained and subject to psychologically and physically harmful

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conditions, there's no remedy for the Trump administration's blunder."

Valeria Luiselli wrote in the New York Times (6/23, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) to describe how her 6-year-old daughter perceives the election and Administration of President Trump, observing, "No matter their story and immigration status, shame and guilt are what Hispanic children are taught to feel in America." Luiselli explains a Brooklyn class that was studying Don Quixote and argues, "Perhaps America – not the real America, but that white-only, English-only America – does indeed have a reason to fear the new generation of Hispanic children, these new Quixotes. They are beautiful, brilliant, well-educated and multilingual. And they have had enough."

Stephanie Carnes wrote in the Huffington Post (6/22, 4.32M) that "while its cruel ploy of tearing children away from their parents lasted a month and a half or so – that we know of – the long-term damage done to those children will endure far longer." Carnes describes her work as a clinician at a shelter program funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement in 2015 "during the surge of unaccompanied children arriving from Central America." She describes what she saw during that time and concluded, "One way or the other, the effects of this weekslong injustice will reverberate for years, if not decades."

Columnist Rochelle Riley wrote in the Detroit Free Press (6/23, 1.21M) that it "could be so simple" to reunite separated immigrant children being housed in Michigan that "even Donald Trump could do it." DHHS officials in Michigan "said the state has no authority over the children being warehoused here because they are classified as illegal immigrants." However, "if the federal government changes their status to unaccompanied refugees, the state could enter them into the foster care system, provide services and reunite them with their families." Riley said this could also apply to other states.

Benjamin Hart writes in the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (6/24, 551K) that when President Trump issued his executive order last week, "he made it clear that the rest of his severe border policy would remain in place." However, "there's a big legal roadblock standing in the way of Trump's vision 'zero tolerance' vision: the Flores settlement, a 1997 consent decree requiring that children who cross the border accompanied by their parents must be released within 20 days."

Valerie Richardson writes in the Washington Times (6/24, 460K) that according to a CBS News/YouGov tracking poll, 53 percent of US adults said they "strongly" opposed the Trump Administration's policy of separating parents from their children on the border. The poll found, however, that 53 percent of Democrats said that the policy would not change how they vote. Richardson points out, "The results indicate that voters remain sharply divided and firmly entrenched on issues related to immigration, and that the recent pitched debate and feverish news coverage surrounding family separation haven't changed matters."

THE SECRETARY IN THE NEWS

Planned Parenthood Affiliates Sue HHS For Abstinence-Only Efforts On Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. The AP (6/22, Geranios) reported that "several affiliates" of Planned Parenthood sued the US Department of Health and Human Services on Friday over its efforts to impose an abstinence-only focus on its Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. The lawsuits were filed in federal courts in New York City and Spokane, Washington, by four different Planned Parenthood affiliates covering New York City and the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska and Washington. In addition to the agency, the lawsuits name as defendants HHS Secretary Alex Azar and Valerie Huber, chief of staff for the Office of Assistant Secretary of Health.

The Hill (6/22, Hellmann, 2.71M) reported that Planned Parenthood argues in its lawsuit that the funding opportunity announcement issued by HHS that emphasize abstinence education "goes against congressional intent for the program" because it does not require the use of programs that have been "proven effective through rigorous evaluation."

The Washington Examiner (6/22, Leonard, 340K) also covered the story.

CMS Delays Update To Hospital Star Rating System. Modern Healthcare (6/23, Castellucci, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported that last week "for the third time," the CMS "put off...an update of its overall hospital star ratings after hospitals raised concerns about the methodology." The article said "the decision to delay fits with HHS Secretary Alex Azar's price

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transparency goals," and wrote that the CMS' proposed hospital inpatient payment rule would require hospitals to publish online a list of their standard charges.

UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

ORR Director Mum On Administration's Immigration Policy. Colby Itkowitz wrote in the Washington Post (6/22, 15.68M) "The Health 202" that Scott Lloyd is the director of "the federal agency that's become central in the political maelstrom over the Trump administration's now-reverted policy separating migrant children from their families at the southern border." But "Lloyd has said nothing publicly about the matter, even as it has consumed the headlines for days." The piece added that it remains "unclear the exact role played by Lloyd, who directs the Office of Refugee Resettlement under the Department of Health and Human Services that has had more than 2,000 migrant children in its care since they were separated from their parents under Trump's 'zero tolerance' policy (those children, and tens of thousands more, may now be transferred to the Pentagon)." He "hasn't been heard from publicly since he spoke on a United Nations panel in April about his desire to create stricter standards for accepting unaccompanied minors who cross the border into the federally run shelters."

Tim Kaine Visits Virginia Facility Housing Separated Immigrant Children. The Washington Post (6/22, Anderson, Lang, 15.68M) reported that some 15 immigrant "children recently separated from their parents near the southwestern U.S. border are staying at a shelter in Northern Virginia, according to the shelter's leadership." On Friday, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) "toured the Youth for Tomorrow facility...in the Prince William County community of Bristow, aides said, speaking with some of the migrant children and learning from the staff that many of the youngsters arrived there 'traumatized.'" The article said about "2,500 [im]migrant children were separated from parents under Trump administration actions starting in early May." HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement "has placed many of them in shelters and foster homes around the country." The piece added that "HHS' Administration for Children and Families did not respond to an email from The Washington Post this week seeking information about the number of separated children sent to Maryland and Virginia."

California Facility Housing About 100 Separated Immigrant Children. The Los Angeles Times (6/23, Esquivel, 4.03M) reported, "David & Margaret Youth and Family Services features a school, a market and a pool – even a cafe offering a $5.50 turkey sandwich called California Dreamin'." At present, it is "home to some of the children who were forcibly taken from their parents under President Trump's 'zero tolerance' immigration policy." The article said it is not known "how long they will be separated from their families, frustrating leaders across Los Angeles trying to help the estimated 100 kids in facilities throughout the region." The piece added that officials at HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement, "the federal agency charged with managing the kids, did not respond to repeated requests for comment."

Immigrant From El Salvador Deported Without Six-Year-Old Daughter. The Washington Post (6/23, Partlow, 15.68M) reported on Arnovis Guidos Portillo, a 26-year-old farmer from El Salvador who was separated from his six-year-old daughter, Meybelin. Guidos says he was told the separation would be temporary, but he was eventually deported back to El Salvador without his daughter, who is still in the US. The article added, "A Southwest Key Programs spokeswoman said she could not confirm if Meybelin was at the Phoenix shelter and referred queries to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, part of the Department of Health and Human Services. An HHS spokesman said it would take days to confirm her location and, even then, the department might not be able to speak about her case because of privacy concerns."

23andMe Offers To Provide Kits, Resources To Conduct DNA Testing, Help Reunite Separated Immigrant Families. The San Francisco Chronicle (6/22, Ho, 3.29M) reported, "Mountain View genetic testing company 23andMe has offered to donate DNA test kits to help migrant children in detention centers reunite with their parents – prompting logistical and ethical concerns about an

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undertaking that genetics experts say would be a first in the United States." The company "said it would provide its kits and resources to federal officials to help reconnect the separated families but offered few details on how it would proceed beyond CEO Anne Wojcicki saying on Twitter, 'We are waiting to see the best way to follow up and make it happen.'" The article said HHS would have to approve this plan, but neither the department not its Administration for Children and Families has commented on the matter.

Trump's Executive Order Helped To Reduce Criticism Over Immigrant Policy, But May Have Created New Issues For Administration. Politico (6/22, Johnson, Karni, Cook, 3.51M) reported, "Facing an unprecedented outpouring of public outrage this week over the separation of migrant families at the border, President Donald Trump did what he usually does when he wants a quick fix: Asked for an executive order." The article said the President "frequently demands executive orders to carry out policies he wants to implement as a way of circumventing the long process of working with Congress to pass legislation, according to a former administration official – a move he picked up from former chief strategist Steve Bannon, who in the opening months of the Trump presidency, used the directives to carry out his 'shock and awe' strategy." Although the order "stanched the flow of negative media coverage, beginning the process of reuniting children and parents, the vaguely worded immigration order created a new set of problems for the administration." The article added that on Friday, HHS announced the creation of an "unaccompanied children reunification task force" to help reunite separated immigrant families.

Latino Nonprofit In Texas Providing Housing For Thousands Of Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors. NPR (6/22, Domonoske, 3.55M) reported that Southwest Key Programs, a large Latino nonprofit in Austin, TX, "has been running shelters for unaccompanied migrant children for two decades, without drawing much attention. In some instances, the shelters were described admiringly." At present, "Southwest Key has 26 shelters in Texas, Arizona and California, housing more than 5,100 immigrant minors," who represent "about half of the total population in the custody of Health and Human Services." The group's "federal contracts now tally more than $400 million annually."

State Legislators, Advocates Worried About Welfare Of Separated Immigrant Children In Kansas. The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/22, Bauer, 636K) reported, "State legislators and child welfare attorneys say they're worried about the welfare of migrant children staying in Kansas and question how long they will be separated from their families." Top Democrats have requested "for a tour of the Topeka nonprofit where the children were sent, but said they were told that would have to wait." During "a Friday morning news conference, they said officials at The Villages – which serves troubled and neglected youth – told them gaining access could take up to two weeks." The piece added that during the 2017 fiscal year, The Villages, a nonprofit in Topeka, KS, "received $2.6 million in funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement through its Unaccompanied Alien Children Program." That amount has already risen to $3.2 million this year.

Sen. Johnson Discusses Government's Ability To Reunite Families. The Hill (6/24, Balluck, 2.71M) reports Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) in an interview early Sunday "pointed to the Obama administration's track record when asked if the Trump administration will be able to reunite migrant children who were separated from their families at the border." He argued that "the track record of the prior administration wasn't particularly good either. ... A subcommittee looked...into the lack of coordination between [the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)], who with unaccompanied children has to turn those unaccompanied children over to [the Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS)] within 72 hours. And they literally lost track of, I think it was about 1,500 kids."

HHS IN THE NEWS

CNN Says Official Who Was Disciplined Over Conspiracy Website, Anti-Islam Show Included That Information On Her Resume When She Applied To HHS. The Hill (6/23,

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Birnbaum, 2.71M) reported that Ximena Barreto, an HHS official "who was demoted following a public outcry over her work for a conspiracy website and anti-Islam show, listed both experiences on her resume, according to a report by CNN." The copy of her resume which CNN obtained on Thursday "shows that she listed her work for the conspiracy-focused website Borderland Alternative Media and right-wing YouTube shows when she applied for the position." In addition, she "listed her personal website, which linked to all of her social media accounts where she published a number of derogatory remarks."

CMS Launches Data Element Library Advances. EHR Intelligence (6/22, Monica) reported that CMS recently launched a Data Element Library "that supports health data and health IT standardization to improve interoperability." According to the article, "DEL is a free, centralized database that enables the public to view the specific types of data CMS requires post-acute care (PAC) facilities, such as nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals, to collect during patient health assessments." The article added that "by improving interoperability and health data standardization across care settings, CMS helps to ensure patients can have access to their information when needed."

Health Data Management (6/22) also covered the story.

Study: 1 in 5 Americans Lives With Mental Disease. The Tennessean (6/25, 513K) reports that "nearly 1 in five U.S. adults lives with a mental illness," which is 44.7 million people in 2016. But estimates "suggest that only half of the people with mental illnesses receive treatment, according to the National Institute of Mental Health." Oregon has "the highest rate, and New Jersey the lowest, according to 2012-2014 data analyzed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration." SAMHSA acting deputy assistant secretary Kana Enomoto said, "The figures in SAMHSA's report remind us how important it is to take mental health as seriously as any other health condition."

Bardella: "Enormously Disruptive" Actions By Trump Administration Going Unnoticed. Kurt Bardella writes for the Huffington Post (6/24, 4.32M) that as opponents of Donald Trump "expend all of our oxygen pushing back against the jailing of children, the shameless corruption or the daily assaults on the First Amendment, the administration is taking enormously disruptive actions that go virtually unseen or unnoticed." On June 1, "the Department of Health and Human Services officially unveiled a proposed rule that could have significant consequences for women's health care. It is yet another front in the Republican Party's ongoing war on women and it must be met with resistance and vigorous public debate." The proposed rule, "often called the 'gag rule,' targets health care providers who perform abortions by withholding Title X (the National Family Planning Program) funds."

CDC Determines Belmont Park Worker's Death Caused By Bacterial Sepsis, Not Hantavirus. The New York Times (6/24, Nir, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports a recently deceased Belmont Park racetrack employee died of "bacterial sepsis, not hantavirus, a rat-borne illness that was initially suspected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." After the man "collapsed...on the track grounds beside the ramshackle employee housing run by the New York Racing Association, and died less than a week later, state health officials suspected hantavirus"; and a commercial laboratory determined he "tested positive for hantavirus antibodies." However, testing by the CDC "concluded that sepsis...was the true cause of the man's death."

Lyme Disease Cases Significantly Underreported, CDC Says. The Wall Street Journal (6/22, McGinty, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that disparities between documented Lyme disease cases and the actual prevalence are high, according to the CDC, which says that the 30,000 cases recorded annually are a fraction of the probable 300,000 cases per year. Lyme disease, as the "most common vector-borne disease by far," remains "underreported," according to CDC epidemiologist Dr. Kiersten Kugeler. She added, "All reportable diseases are subject to underreporting, although we know this is particularly true for common diseases and for those often treated in an outpatient setting."

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FDA Warns That Recalled Flonase Spray May Contain Glass Particles. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/23, Krueger, 521K) reported the FDA said Flonase and other Apotex Corp. products have been recalled due to the potential of contamination by small glass particles in some bottles. The news follows a customer complaint "about a nasal spray containing the company's Fluticasone," and the FDA is warning "that glass particles could block the spray bottle's actuator and affect the pump's functionality" and injure users' nasal cavities if they use the product.

Op-Ed: FDA's Restrictions On Mifepristone Could Harm Women Experiencing Miscarriages. Dorothy Novick, MD, pediatrician in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wrote for STAT (6/22, 27K) that women who suffer miscarriages should not be prevented by the Food and Drug Administration from accessing misoprostol Dr. Novick said a "landmark clinical trial, published this month in the New England Journal of Medicine," found that 84 percent of "women experiencing first-trimester miscarriages...[given] a dose of misoprostol or...a combination of misoprostol plus mifepristone" completed the miscarriage "within two days, compared to 67 percent among women who got misoprostol alone." She added that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "has announced it is reviewing these findings to determine whether to update its clinical guidance and policy position on caring for women with miscarriage," adding that the FDA's restrictions could prevent women from accessing mifepristone.

NIH Cancels Alcohol Study Which Received Industry Funding. The Baltimore Sun (6/20, McDaniels, 570K) reported the NIH has canceled "funding of a highly criticized $100 million study involving Johns Hopkins researchers that looked at whether one drink of alcohol a day can decrease the risk of heart disease and diabetes." According to the Sun, an NIH working group led an investigation which "found that employees from its National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism were in such frequent communication with [the] lead researcher...and the industry that it undermined the scientific integrity of the study." However, the NIH investigation determined that the "foundation that raises money for the National Institutes of Health...did nothing wrong."

Faye Flam wrote for Bloomberg View (6/22, 4.46M) that "NIH Director Francis Collins was emphatic about the fatal nature of this study's flaws," telling Science that "many of the [NIH] staff who have seen the working group report were frankly shocked to see that so many lines were crossed."

The Toledo (OH) Blade (6/22, 212K) editorialized, "Dr. Collins' decision to end the study was in the best interests of science, the American public and NIH's credibility," adding, "But NIH under Dr. Collins just made a bold statement about the importance of science and ethics. It's a moment worth noting."

Op-Ed Critical Of NIH Over Its Now-Canceled Alcohol Study. Paul D. Thacker, former Senate investigator, wrote in the Washington Post (6/22, 15.68M) that NIH Director Francis Collins' decision to cancel the NIH's "noxious ethical problem" – its "alcohol consumption study that had been funded mostly by beer and liquor companies" that "seemed predetermined to find alcohol's benefits but not potential harms" – is an indicator of "intellectual corruption at our government research agencies." According to Thacker, "this was only the latest scandal involving hidden corporate influence," and in his time as an investigator, he "found that the agency often ignored obvious conflicts" and that "its industry ties...are never really addressed unless the agency faces media scrutiny." Thacker noted that National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism officials "courted alcohol-makers for several years to fund the study," adding that NIAAA Director George Koob "declined to fund research critical of alcohol advertising." Thacker called for "continued scrutiny of the NIH, by the public and Congress," to generate transparency.

Marijuana Addiction Poses Real Threat That Many Do Not Recognize, Experts Warn. The Washington Post (6/22, Vestal, 15.68M) reported that many people are unaware of the possibility of marijuana addiction, noting that "in the public health and medical communities, it is a well-defined disorder that includes physical withdrawal symptoms, cravings and psychological dependence." Some experts believe "it is on the rise, perhaps because of the increasing potency of genetically engineered

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plants and the use of concentrated products, or because more users are partaking multiple times a day." The piece said that according to Dr. Nora Volkow, National Institute on Drug Abuse Director, "an estimated 2.7 million Americans meet the diagnostic criteria for marijuana dependence, second only to alcohol dependence." Susan Weiss, director of research on the health effects of marijuana at the NIDA, indicated "at the annual meeting of the American Society of Addiction Medicine in April...that marijuana can be addictive." She said, "But believe it or not...we're having a hard time convincing people that addiction exists."

NIDA Director Discusses Factors That Have Led To Opioid Crisis. The Atlantic (6/23, 3.08M) reported, "In 2016, 64,000 people died from drug overdoses in the U.S., most of them due to opioids. That's more than the number of Americans killed in the wars in Vietnam and Iraq combined." Three factors "led to those numbers, Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a part of the National Institutes of Health, said at the Aspen Ideas Festival, which is cohosted by The Aspen Institute and The Atlantic." First, the epidemic "was started by a healthcare system that sought to minimize pain and suffering." Second, Volkow "said, this overprescription coincided with a massive flood of heroin in the 2000s from Mexico." Thirdly, she "said, heroin began to be laced by drug dealers with synthetic opioids, which are not only relatively easy to produce, but also stronger than heroin."

Cancer Experts Discuss Ways To Reduce Risk Of Death Due To Prostate Cancer. U.S. News & World Report (6/21, Schroeder, 1.97M) discussed how men can lower their risk of death due to prostate cancer through screening and treatment. The article quoted Dr. Serban Negoita, chief of the National Cancer Institute's Data Quality, Analysis, and Interpretation Branch, as saying that "in 2013, we noticed that the slope or the speed with which this rate of prostate cancer mortality declined in the past, kind of changed" based on the findings of the Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer released last month. Dr. Negoita, "lead author of the prostate cancer section" of the report, explained that the study found "age-adjusted prostate cancer death rates leveled off…and were all around 19 per 100,000 for the most recent years captured." The article included experts' comments on the benefits and drawbacks of screening.

Oncologist Who Uses Twitter To Decry Precision Medicine "Hype" Profiled. NPR (6/24, Harris, 3.55M) reports Dr. Vinay Prasad, assistant professor of medicine at Oregon Health and Science University, "has made a name for himself calling out the hype surrounding precision medicine." A hematologist-oncologist who is "a prolific author" and active Twitter user, Dr. Prasad has been called a "professional troublemaker...as he tweets to his 20,000-plus followers." NPR reports on comments Dr. Prasad made at the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting, and notes that the NCI-MATCH trial presented at the meeting indicated "disappointing" results among "150 patients who were matched to drugs based on their tumor's genetic fingerprint, rather than the type of tumor." Dr. Richard Schilsky, ASCO chief medical officer, is quoted as saying, "He's a bit of a provocateur. But frankly he's taking a very hard and objective look at a very complex area and...he's saying what's behind the curtain."

In a 4,000-word story profiling Dr. Prasad, the Cancer Letter (6/22, Goldberg) reported that Keith Flaherty, the ECOG-ACRIN chair of the NCI MATCH trial, said of the study, which Prasad referenced in one publication, "After accrual of nearly 6,000 patients to the centralized screening phase of the MATCH trial, we found that 19 percent of patients had molecular findings that permitted treatment assignment. ... Notably, this excludes the proportion of patients who were not eligible for treatment assignment in MATCH because of prior FDA approval or ongoing late stage trials in patients with those cancers types with those same molecular features. Our experience indicates that NGS testing was an efficient strategy for identifying patients for inclusion in MATCH."

In a 5,000-word story, the Cancer Letter (6/22, Goldberg) offered a review of Prasad's "thought experiment," his paper titled "Low-value approvals and high prices might incentivize ineffective drug development," to evaluate the commentary that has been billed by The New York Times as a study. The Times said Dr. Prasad's commentary indicated that "companies could theoretically test compounds they know to be ineffective with the hope of getting a false

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positive result that would enable them to market a worthless medicine at an enormous profit."

The Cancer Letter (6/22, Goldberg) featured an interview with Dr. Prasad about the commentary, published in Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology, which argued that the "FDA is approving drugs too fast and on too little data, thereby benefiting drug companies, but not the cancer patients." Dr. Prasad discussed this assertion, saying that two "Government Accountability Office reports say FDA is not enforcing [post-marketing commitments] for surrogate approval," among other points.

OPIOID CRISIS

House Passes "Sweeping Package" To Fight Opioid Crisis. In a 396 to 14 vote, the House on Friday passed "a sweeping package to fight the opioid crisis," approving measures "that include encouraging nonaddictive pain treatment and fighting the rise of synthetic drugs such as fentanyl," the Washington Post (6/22, Zezima, 15.68M) reported. The suite of legislation "would allow for increased research for nonaddictive pain medications, allow physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe medications that treat opioid addiction and create opioid recovery centers."

The AP (6/22) reported the bill passed Friday "encourages states to increase coverage of treatment for substance abuse disorders through Medicaid." Foster youth and former prisoners "are among the populations targeted for enhanced coverage of their treatment." In addition, the legislation "seeks to expand the use of medications to treat opioid abuse."

Fierce Healthcare (6/22, Reed, 146K) quoted Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) as saying, "This package is not Congress' first legislative response to this crisis, nor will it be our last. But it does include meaningful solutions that will update archaic policies, better equip our communities to respond to this evolving epidemic, and save lives."

The Washington Examiner (6/22, Leonard, 340K) quoted Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) saying, "While we still have a long way to go to solve this crisis, this legislation, which is made up of many Republican proposals, takes meaningful strides to help millions of Americans recapture their lost hopes and dreams." Meanwhile, the Washington Times (6/22, Howell, 460K) reported House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy "cast the bill in personal terms, recounting how his press secretary's brother died of an opioid overdose, while the White House said it supported its own effort to treat opioids abuse as a public health emergency."

CQ Roll Call (DC) (6/22, Raman, 117K) reported the House "considered seven amendments to the legislation. Six were adopted by voice vote," including an amendment "from Republicans Joe L. Barton and Mark Meadows and Democrat Ann McLane Kuster that would require the Food and Drug Administration commissioner to develop evidence-based prescribing guidelines for treating acute forms of pain." Also included was "an amendment from Republican John Curtis to require the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a report on current practices for prescribing opioids during pregnancy" and a "bipartisan amendment from Keith Rothfus and William Keating to require HHS to institute guidelines for when to prescribe the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone." Another amendment included was from Democrat Maxine Waters and requires HHS "to survey groups that treat substance abuse to develop a plan to determine any gaps in services or funding for treating drug addiction."

The Hill (6/22, Sullivan, Brufke, 2.71M) reported "some say the legislation is not enough to make the large-scale changes needed to fight the epidemic." Addiction advocates "largely praise the measures as good steps forward, but say that much more work and funding is needed to tackle the issue's scale." Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) "said the bill makes 'incremental changes to support those affected by the opioid crisis' but that it 'does not adequately deal with the magnitude of the crisis that this country is facing.'"

Modern Healthcare (6/22, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported American Hospital Association Executive Vice President Tom Nickels "said the trade group was especially pleased to see overwhelming support for provisions that would expand the use of telehealth services for substance use disorder; guide improved care for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome; and increase the types and capacity of providers offering medication-assisted treatment."

Politico (6/22, Ehley, 3.51M) reported the measure, which was endorsed by the White House, "combines more than 50 bills" and now

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heads to the Senate, where lawmakers "are planning to take up their own opioid legislation." A House Republican aide "said leadership hopes to conference the bills in July, though it could slide later into the summer depending on the Senate's schedule." The White House said in a statement "We urge the Senate to continue the bipartisan tradition of helping Americans who are affected by the crisis, to swiftly pass the legislation from the House, and to get these lifesaving bills to the President's desk."

Handful Of Companies To "Reap Windfall" From Bills. Politico (6/22, Cancryn, 3.51M) reported a small handful of companies "that have spent millions lobbying Congress could reap a windfall if any of the bills become law." Alkermes, "which spent $1 million lobbying in part to support a bill to fund full-service centers where people can detox, receive medical care and start treatment – a setup that could boost the fortunes of its best-selling product, anti-addiction treatment Vivitrol, which has been held back by the need for patients to fully detox before taking the drug." Alkermes "has already attracted attention for its aggressive marketing tactics and Washington lobbying presence. Former HHS Secretary Tom Price toured the company's Wilmington, Ohio, plant last year to tout Vivitrol – stirring controversy by belittling rival medication-assisted treatments that are more widely-used."

Government-Funded Study Says Medicare, Medicaid, Private Health Insurance Fueled Opioid Epidemic. The Washington Examiner (6/22, Leonard, 340K) reported Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance "helped fuel the opioid epidemic because they made it too easy and inexpensive for patients to get opioids, suggests a government-funded study by researchers at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health." Authors of the study "conclude that insurers share responsibility for the massive toll of opioid deaths because they didn't put in precautions on the drugs to make them harder to access." The study was funded "by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, part of the Department of Health and Human Services." It used input "from other federal agencies, including the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Modern Healthcare (6/22, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported, "Although insurers have made an effort to discourage opioid abuse by placing quantity limits, beginning therapy with less risky medications or requiring preapproval for prescriptions, they applied the same rules to non-opioid treatments and made it just as difficult for patients to access opioid alternatives, according to the study."

Study: Online Black-Market Opioid Sales More Than Doubled After Reclassification. Reuters (6/22, Lehman) reported online black-market sales of opioid painkillers "more than doubled in the United States during the two years after these drugs were "rescheduled," putting tighter restrictions on legal prescriptions and sales, according to a recent study." Almost immediately after hydrocodone combination products were reclassified to schedule III in 2014, "the proportion of all drugs illicitly purchased in the U.S. from sellers on the 'dark net' that were in the opioid category began rising, reaching 13.7 percent in 2016." The study was publish in The BMJ.

Dartmouth Getting $5.3 Million To Study Opioid Treatment For Pregnant Women. The AP (6/24) reports a research team at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine "is getting $5.3 million to study medication-assisted treatment for pregnant women with opioid use disorders." Officials "say combining medication with psychosocial services has been shown to significantly reduce poor outcomes for babies born to mothers with opioid use disorders, but it can be difficult for women to find providers."

Study Says Counties With Highest Opioid Prescription Rates In 2015 Were More Likely To Vote For Trump. The Dallas Morning News (6/22, Rice, Reporter, 1.05M) reported that a study from University of Texas researchers found that "the counties with the highest opioid prescription rates in 2015 were also more likely to favor presidential candidate Donald Trump in 2016." Support for Trump "was as strong a marker of an area's opioid rates as some commonly used socioeconomic factors – such as household income, education levels and unemployment, the study said." The study notes that an "estimated 11.5 million Americans misused prescription opioids and 2.1 million had

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an opioid use disorder in 2016, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."

The Huffington Post (6/24, Papenfuss, 4.32M) reported the areas "with the high rates of opioid use are largely concentrated in the Southern and Appalachian communities with high unemployment rates and lower median incomes." Trump support "might be explained simply by demographics: the same rural, economically depressed populations most severely affected by opioid use also happened to be the same communities where Trump gained strong support."

The Daily Intelligencer (NY) (6/22, 551K) reported the researchers "caution that their study does not suggest that people who are addicted to opioids voted for Trump – 'If you're stoned out on opioids, you're probably not voting,' lead author Dr. James Goodwin" said. Rather, "they say, it indicates a connection between the economic and social problems that lead to high rates of opioid use and support for Trump."

The Washington Times (6/22, Kelly, 460K) reported the researchers said, "The association of the presidential vote with chronic opioid use underscores the importance of cultural, economic, and environmental factors associated with the opioid epidemic." Newsweek (6/24, Hugo, 2.18M) reported the researchers "came to this conclusion by analyzing and cross-referencing data from the U.S. Census Bureau, medicare files and other datasets." They defined opioid dependency "as anyone who had 90 days or more of prescription given to them within a year."

NPR (6/23, Chisholm, 3.55M) reported, "In counties with higher-than-average rates of chronic opioid prescriptions, 60 percent of the voters went for Trump. In the counties with lower-than-average rates, only 39 percent voted for Trump." The findings were published Friday "in the medical journal JAMA Network Open."

Rhode Island Gets More Federal Funding To Combat Opioid Addiction. The AP (6/23) reported Rhode Island "has been awarded more federal funding to combat opioid addition." The state's congressional delegation "say Rhode Island's share from a grant program at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will rise from $2.1 million last year to $12.5 million."

Portman Says STOP Act Will Help Combat Rise Of Fentanyl. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) writes for the Toledo (OH) Blade (6/23, 212K) that "at the heart" of the drug epidemic "is the rise of fentanyl." He says Congress "should act with urgency because people are overdosing and dying every day. This problem isn't getting better – it's getting worse." Unlike other drugs transported over land, "most illegal fentanyl is manufactured in China and shipped into the U.S. through our own Postal Service." Citing results from a recent investigation, he says fentanyl manufacturers "prefer to ship through the Postal Service, and essentially guarantee delivery when doing so, because the Postal Service has lower security standards than private carriers." Portman says the result of the investigation "is legislation I introduced called the STOP Act." The STOP Act "will hold the Postal Service to the same standard as private carriers and require them to get this information on all overseas packages entering the U.S."

Rep. Rodgers Highlights Work On Combating Opioid Crisis. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) writes for the Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (6/23, 164K) that one of "the greatest threats to America today is the growing scourge of opioid abuse and addiction." She highlights her and other lawmakers' response to the crisis, saying, "In 2016, we got the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act signed into law, and over the past two weeks, we in the House have passed dozens of bills to continue to fight this crisis and provide resources to those who need them."

Ridge: House Vote Brings Nation One Step Closer To Beating Opioid Crisis. Former Pennsylvania governor and senior adviser to Americans for Securing All Packages Tom Ridge writes for the Detroit News (6/25, 710K) "signs of progress" in the fight against opioids. Last week, the US Senate and House of Representatives "came to an agreement on the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act, legislation by Michigan's own Congressman Mike Bishop designed to close a major security loophole in the global postal system that has fueled the opioid epidemic." And the House "just passed the bill, bringing us one step closer to cutting off the flow of dangerous drugs."

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Study: Combination Of Opioids With Common Drug Risky In First 90 Days. Forbes (6/25, Disalvo, 10.34M) reports that a new study "shows that the combination of opioids with one common class of drugs in particular is especially risky in the first 90 days of concurrent use." Those drugs "are benzodiazepines (often called "benzos"), the class that includes alprazolam (Xanax), diazepam (Valium), and clonazepam (Klonopin), meds frequently prescribed to alleviate anxiety." The study "examined data from more than 71,000 Medicare Part D beneficiaries to find out how simultaneous use of opioids and benzos influence overdose risk over time.," and it was published in JAMA Network Open.

Purdue Pharma Fires 350 Employees As Opioid Lawsuits Mount. The CBS Weekend News (6/23, story 8, 2:50, Quijano, 2.63M) reported Oxycontin manufacturer Purdue Pharma "laid off 350 workers this week, including the remainder of its sales team," as it prepares for "a wave of lawsuits accusing it of fueling the opioid epidemic." Former employees claim they were taught "to tell doctors that some patients might only appear to be addicted," despite having no studies to back up the assertion. Purdue disputes the claim, saying in a statement to CBS that Oxycontin sales "have been consistent with the information contained in the FDA-approved label."

Ontario Promoting Free Use Of Opioid Antidote Naloxone. In a report on the expansion of access to opioid antidote naloxone in Ontario, the Wall Street Journal (6/24, Monga, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) profiles Leon Alward, who has overdosed five times in the last four years, but is still alive because in four of the five emergencies, he received shots of naloxone. Alward has access to the drug for free from any of the 2,800 pharmacies that stock it in Ontario, which became possible after the province made it available without a prescription in 2016. The US has not done so, in part because, as critics say, such widespread availability could increase opioid use.

China Says US Should Do More To Cut Demand For Opioids. Reuters (6/25) reports China's drug control agency on Monday "said the United States should do more to cut its demand for opioids to tackle the use of synthetic drug fentanyl, but it vowed to step up cooperation after Chinese production of the substance had been blamed for fuelling the U.S. opioid crisis."

Experts Discuss Government's Role In Physician's Ability To Treat Patients With Opioids. In its "Journal Reports" column, the Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) provides a roundup of articles from healthcare experts discussing whether the government should limit a physician's ability to prescribe opioids.

Gutman: PA Bills Threaten To Push State "Backward On Opioids." Abraham Gutman wrote for the Philadelphia Inquirer (6/22, 1.07M) that two bills under consideration by Pennsylvania legislators "threaten to take the commonwealth backward on opioids." The first "is an effort to limit already-scarce evidence-based treatment. The second limits physician discretion when prescribing opioids. If either bill becomes law, Pennsylvania will be worse off, not better."

Lopez: Needle Exchanges Help Combat Opioid Addiction. German Lopez wrote for Vox (6/22, Lopez, 1.66M) that needle exchange programs "are an exhaustively studied, proven public health intervention in the fight against opioid addiction – making them a key component in efforts to halt the opioid epidemic." However, Lopez said, needle exchanges "are also illegal in 15 states," adding, "Needle exchanges not only provide a place where people can obtain syringes for drug use or dispose them." The "driving idea" behind the programs "is this: Recognizing the reality that some people do use drugs, it's better to provide them somewhere to pick up new, sterile syringes (without the risk of spreading, say, HIV or hepatitis C infection) than to turn them away from potential public health services and force them to reuse needles despite the hazards."

MENTAL ILLNESS

Jails, Prisons Are Places Of Punishment Unsuitable For People With Mental Illness Or Intellectual Disabilities, Psychiatrist Says. In an opinion piece in the Huffington Post (6/22, 4.32M),

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psychiatrist Brian Barnett, MD, a post-doctoral fellow in the Partners Healthcare Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship and a clinical fellow in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, discussed the plight of people with mental illness and those with intellectual disabilities who are incarcerated. Dr. Barnett observed, "People with mental illness and intellectual disability deserve a health care system that relies on nurses and physicians, not correctional officers. Jails and prisons are designed to be places of punishment, so let's stop filling them up with people who need healing."

Colorado Schools To Receive Small Grants To Pay For Suicide-Prevention Training. The Denver Post (6/24, 755K) reported that schools in Colorado "will soon divide $400,000 into small grants to pay for suicide-prevention training for all campus employees, including teachers, front-desk attendants and custodians." Authorized through Colorado Senate Bill 272, "the school training grants – from $5,000 to $10,000 for each campus – will be available in January and must be used to train all school personnel on the warning signs of impending suicide attempts, diffuse crisis situations and connect troubled people to mental health services." The Post pointed out that "suicide is the second leading cause of death" in the state "for people ages 10-24." What's more, "the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that suicide rates in Colorado saw a 34.1 percent increase between 1999 and 2016."

HEALTHCARE FRAUD

Texas Supreme Court Says Xerox Responsible For Fraudulent Medicaid Dental Payments. The Texas Tribune (6/22, Evans, 24K) reported the Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday that Xerox is responsible "for the $1 billion in fraudulent Medicaid payments the company made while overseeing pre-authorizations for Texas Medicaid patients' dental work." The Supreme Court upheld a Texas Court of Appeals ruling that Xerox – and not the dentists – was responsible "for mismanaging and mis-authorizing payments for Medicaid dental services," according to the article.

Former Physician Found Guilty In $13 Million Healthcare Fraud. The Dallas Morning News (6/22, Krause, 1.05M) reported that Dr. Kelly Robinett, a "70-year-old Carrollton man was convicted Friday of four fraud charges for his role in a $13 million home healthcare scam made possible by what prosecutors called his rubber stamp signature on fraudulent documents." FBI Dallas office special agent in charge Eric K. Jackson was quoted as saying, "The significance of this case highlights the responsibility health care workers, especially physicians and nurses, have to protect not only their patients, but prevent fraud against any federal health insurance program during the performance of their duties."

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

New York State Demands Drug Maker Lower Cost Of $272,000 Cystic Fibrosis Treatment. The New York Times (6/24, Thomas, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that "in a case that is being closely watched around the country," New York state health officials have said the new drug to treat cystic fibrosis, Orkambi, "is not worth its price" – $272,000 annually – "and are demanding that Vertex give a steeper discount to the state's Medicaid program. The case is the first test of a new law aimed at reining in skyrocketing drug costs in New York's Medicaid program." Under the new law, "New York could also demand that Vertex disclose details about how it sets its price, including how much goes toward research and development or to other areas, like marketing." The Times adds that the debate over the drug "may soon become moot – earlier this year, the Food and Drug Administration approved a new cystic fibrosis drug, also made by Vertex."

Hatch: To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs, Increase Competition. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) writes for CQ Roll Call (DC) (6/25, 117K) that "80 percent of Americans consider the cost of prescription drugs unreasonable." At the same time, a "majority of Americans recognize that prescription drugs have improved countless lives." However, "if we truly want to reduce costs and make life-changing and life-saving medications accessible to all Americans, we must increase competition among prescription drugs – particularly new drugs that have the ability to cure diseases, but face limited competition."

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HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE REFORM

Experts Discuss Whether States Should Allow Insurers To Offer Health Plans With Fewer Mandated Benefits. In its "Journal Reports" column, the Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) provides a grouping of articles on the topic of whether states should allow insurers to offer "bare-bones" health plans that have fewer mandated benefits.

Two-Thirds Of Americans Disapprove Of DOJ's Decision To Support Lawsuit That Would Challenge Affordable Care Act's Protections For People With Preexisting Conditions, Poll Says. Forbes (6/24, 10.34M) contributor Bruce Japsen writes that 66% of Americans disapprove of the Department of Justice's "decision to support a lawsuit that would eliminate popular protections for patients with preexisting conditions under the Affordable Care Act," according to a poll conducted by Hart Research Associates for the group Protect Our Care. The poll also found that 47% of voters "strongly disapprove," while "11% strongly approve."

Increases In Exchange Plan Premiums May Hurt Republicans In This Year's Midterm Elections. Politico (6/24, Demko, 3.51M) reports premiums for exchange plans are expected to increase "by double digits in 2019, causing heartburn for politicians as voters will head to the polls within days of learning about the looming hit to their pocketbooks." However, the article points out that "unlike recent campaign cycles, when Republicans capitalized on Obamacare sticker shock to help propel them to complete control of Congress and the White House, they're now likely to be the ones feeling the wrath of voters."

Healthcare Likely To Be Key Issue In Minnesota's Congressional Races. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/22, Rao, 1.16M) reported healthcare is likely to be the dominant issue in Congressional races in Minnesota. The article explains that Republicans "have twice failed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), while an increasing number of Democrats are advocating for single-payer health care – a difficult proposition even if they win back control of Congress in November."

Florida Attorney General Confronted By Protesters At Movie Showing. The Tampa Bay (FL) Times (6/23, Contorno, 832K) reported protesters confronted Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi outside a movie screening at Tampa Theatre. The protesters questioned Bondi's "recent actions on health care policy and her stance on immigration."

The Hill (6/23, Bowden, 2.71M) reported the movie being screened was a new documentary about Mr. Rogers called "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" One protester yelled, "What would Mr. Rogers think about you and your legacy in Florida? Taking away health insurance from people with pre-existing conditions, Pam Bondi! Shame on you!"

The AP (6/23), Fox News (6/23, Dedaj, 16.38M), and the New York Post (6/24, Lapin, 4.46M) also covered the story.

Texas Medical Association "Vehemently" Objects To AMA Opposing State's Lawsuit Challenging The Affordable Care Act. The Houston Chronicle (6/22, Deam, 2.14M) reported the Texas Medical Association "vehemently" objected to the American Medical Association and other medical groups, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, "filing a legal opposition to the Texas-led lawsuit seeking to declare the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional and ultimately unraveling the protections for patients with pre-existing conditions." On June 12, the Texas delegation at the AMA's national convention in Chicago called for the AMA to not file an amicus brief in the lawsuit. Dr. David Henkes, the chair of the state delegation at the AMA House of Delegates, said, "The ACA is an extremely unpopular political symbol in our state. We fervently urge the AMA not to file a brief in this case at this time."

Three Insurers That Offered Exchange Plans In South Florida In 2018 Have Refiled To Offer Plans In 2019. The South Florida Sun Sentinel (6/22, Hurtibise, 601K) reported the three insurers that offered exchange plans in South Florida in 2018 have refiled to offer

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plans in 2019. Florida Blue, Molina Healthcare, and Ambetter "submitted 2019 rate proposals with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation as required by June 20, along with four other companies that filed to sell plans in other areas of the state."

Indiana Exchange Plan Premiums To Increase 5.2% On Average. The Indianapolis Star (6/22, Groppe, 477K) reported premiums for exchange plans in Indiana are expected to increase an average of 5.2% in 2019, which may not "be as high as in some other states." The AP (6/24) reports CareSource Indiana Inc. is seeking an average increase of 10.2%, while Celtic Insurance Co. is seeking an average decrease of .5%.

Ohio Exchange Plan Premiums To Increase 8.2% On Average. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/22, Hancock, 1.03M) reported premiums for Ohio exchange plans will increase an average of 8.2%, "according to preliminary data released Friday from the Ohio Department of Insurance." The article points out that the average increase last year was 20%.

Administrative Costs For Blue Cross And Blue Shield Plans Grew In 2017 To Highest Levels Since 2013, Report Says. Modern Healthcare (6/22, Bannow, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported "Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans spent more on activities like underwriting, risk adjustment and provider audits in 2017 than in prior years, pushing the plans' total administrative costs to their highest level since 2013, the height of the expensive buildup to the Affordable Care Act," according to "a new report from the financial advisory firm Sherlock Company." The report was based on an analysis of "14 Blues plans with a combined 37.1 million members--roughly 35% of all Blues members."

Commentary Considers Health Reform. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Alfredo Ortiz, the president of the Job Creators Network, and Dr. Thomas Price, the former Secretary of Health and Human Services who is a senior healthcare policy fellow at the Job Creators Network, wrote in an opinion piece for The Hill (6/22, 2.71M) that the Department of Labor's new rule expanding access to association health plans (AHPs) will help many small businesses and their employees gain health coverage. Ortiz and Price argue that the new rule will "provide expanded health-care coverage options for small business owners and their employees by making it easier for them to group together in associations, where they can enjoy similar regulations and economies of scale as their big business competitors."

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (6/23, 168K) editorialized that "even though it can't get a plan past Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the Trump administration is intent on resorting to other means to unravel health coverage for low-income Americans." The editorial argues that the Trump Administration "has tried its utmost to sabotage federally subsidized, Affordable Care Act-sanctioned health insurance plans in the individual market," and "it's also set its sights on undermining Medicaid – the decades-old health insurance program for low-income and disabled Americans."

Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr wrote in an opinion piece for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (6/22, 1.09M) that "as Attorney General, I am committed to upholding the rule of law with each decision I make in order to protect the basic principles upon which our nation is founded." Carr argues that the US Supreme Court has twice upheld the Affordable Care Act as constitutional, but he believes "the court must take another look at this law now that Congress has eliminated" the individual mandate penalty.

Sen. Lamar Alexander wrote in an opinion piece for the Tennessean (6/22, 513K) that the Trump Administration's new rule "offered thousands of Tennesseans who are self-employed or who work at small businesses the opportunity to buy the same kind of lower cost health insurance with the same patient protections that roughly 160 million Americans get working for a larger employer." Alexander argues that through association health plans, people will be able "to obtain the same kind of less expensive health insurance that employees of large companies, like Walmart or Amazon, can buy today."

Elsa Pearson, MPH, a policy analyst at the Boston University School of Public Health, Austin Frakt, PhD, an associate professor at the Boston University School of Public Health, and Sandro Galea, MD, DrPH, the dean of the Boston University School of Public Health, wrote in an

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opinion piece for the Huffington Post (6/23, 4.32M) that "there is a 20-year life-expectancy gap between the country's healthiest and least healthy counties, and a similar life-expectancy gap within counties." Pearson, Frakt, and Galea argue that "socioeconomic factors – such as income and race or ethnicity – influence health, perhaps even more so than access to health care," and that as a result "traditional health care alone is inadequate to address all the drivers of poor health."

The Houston Chronicle (6/24, 2.14M) editorializes that "Trump's Justice Department is supporting efforts by 20 states, including Texas, to strangle the Affordable Care Act." The editorial argues that "killing Obamacare would keep a promise Trump made to a constituency he believes will win him a second term. The millions who will lose health coverage if Obamacare dies would be collateral damage to him."

Heritage Foundation Senior Legal Research Fellow Paul Larkin Jr. writes for the Bend (OR) Bulletin (6/25, 92K) that "the constitutionality of Obamacare is an issue once again." He says that while the Supreme Court categorized the law as a tax, "now the fun begins. Effective January 2019, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduces the payment for not purchasing health insurance to $0." That matters because "once the Obamacare penalty disappears, so does the basis on which the Supreme Court upheld it." In Chief Justice Roberts' words, the "'essential feature of a tax' is it raises money. Soon, Obamacare won't. Live by $1 in revenue, die by $0 in revenue."

Humana Buying Two Hospice Chains. The New York Times (6/22, Abelson, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported Humana is working with the two private-equity firms, TPG Capital and Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, "to buy two hospice chains that together would create the industry's biggest operator with hundreds of locations in dozens of states." Last year, the group acquired "a division of Kindred Healthcare that offers both home health and hospice care," and then "in April, the same group said it planned to buy another large hospice outfit, Curo Health Services, owned by another investment firm, Thomas H. Lee Partners."

Cuomo Says Health Insurance Companies Cannot Discriminate Against Transgender New Yorkers. AM New York (6/24, 591K) reports, "New York will protect transgender residents, Gov. Andrew Cuomo vowed Sunday, telling the state's Health Department to issue regulations to prevent health insurance companies from discriminating against transgender New Yorkers." The move, "he said, was intended to combat the Trump administration's repeal of a federal regulation that clarifies that the Affordable Care Act's nondiscrimination protections include those based on gender identity."

Massachusetts State Legislature Trying To Reconcile Differences Among Healthcare Bills. The AP (6/23) reported "Massachusetts House and Senate negotiators will be trying to reconcile differences in major health care bills that have cleared both chambers." Both chambers passed bills that aim "to stabilize health care costs by narrowing price disparities between large teaching hospitals and smaller community hospitals around Massachusetts."

Michigan 2019 Budget Keeps Title X Funding For Planned Parenthood. The Detroit Free Press (6/22, Shamus, 1.21M) reported that Michigan's 2019 state budget, which was signed into law Thursday by Gov. Rick Snyder (R), will not shift federal money for pregnancy prevention and family planning services away from Planned Parenthood. According to the article, the budget approved by the Legislature included language that would have moved federal Title X money for family planning services to health clinics and county health departments that do not provide abortions.

Rhode Island House Approves Bill To Expand Mastectomy Coverage. The AP (6/24) reports that the Rhode Island House approved legislation that ensures insurance covers all costs for a mastectomy. State law mandated insurance coverage for mastectomies in 2005, but insurers have since instituted high co-pays and deductibles. The new measure will require insurers to cover "all costs, without co-pays and deductibles."

HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

Proposed Rules For Assisted Living Facilities In DC "Spark Outcry" From

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Groups Including AARP. The Washington Post (6/22, Thebault, 15.68M) reports that "scores of seniors and advocates crowded into a hearing room Friday" to oppose proposed legislation that would prohibit assisted living residences from admitting anyone who "is or has ever been diagnosed with moderate to severe dementia, or requires hospice care." The Alzheimer's Association and AARP also "want to remove another provision that would require residents who may be at risk of wandering to carry identification that includes their name and the name, address and phone number of their facility," arguing that doing so would be a violation of privacy.

Wisconsin Foster Care Task Force Issues Report With Recommended Changes, Improvements. The AP (6/23) said Wisconsin's Task Force On Foster Care issued its final report Thursday which indicated that the state "should provide children more education and career training." The report also recommends a focus on drug abuse.

Mother Offers Tips For Getting Good Healthcare For Children With Disabilities. Jamie Davis Smith, a Washington-based mother of four, wrote in the Washington Post (6/22, 15.68M) that as the parent of a child with disabilities, she is "all too familiar with the ins and outs of dealing with doctors, navigating the medical system and advocating for my daughter to get the best care possible." Smith discussed "some things that may help you get the best care for your children" with disabilities.

Report Shows Parent Drug Abuse A Factor In Many Child Welfare Cases In Indiana. The AP (6/23) discussed a review of Indiana's "troubled" child welfare agency found that parental drug abuse has led to a surge in children removed from their homes. The AP wrote, "Exacerbated by the opioid epidemic, parental drug abuse was a factor in the removal of 7,015 children from their homes in 2017. That accounts for 55 percent of all removals that year – up from just 28 percent in 2013." But while the Department of Child Services spent more than $24.9 million on drug testing, only $4.5 million was spent on treatment, the report found.

Family Separation Is A Problem For US Citizens, Too. The New York Times (6/22, Dewan, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported on the various ways the US government separates families amid the controversy taking place at the US-Mexico border. The Times said the US government also separates children from family in the event of incarceration, and when removing children from troubled homes and placing children into foster care.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/22, 1.07M) wrote in an editorial that the "sad truth is that the United States has multiple policies – particularly related to the criminal justice system and child protective services – that separate children from their parents on a daily basis."

US Policies Do Not Support American Families. The New York Times (6/24, Badger, Miller, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports on the "deep contradiction about the family in American politics: Families make powerful symbols, valuable to politicians and revered by voters. But American policies are inconsistent and weak, relative to many countries, in supporting them." The Times highlights the Trump Administration's separation of immigrant children from their parents at the Mexican border, and adds that "the contradiction is also clear in many other realms, say critics on both the right and left: criminal justice, child welfare, family leave, child care, health care and education."

Adoption Rates In Minnesota Experience "Sharp Decline." The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/22, Prather, 1.16M) reported on the "sharp decline" of adoption numbers in Minnesota and said it "is the result of fewer unplanned pregnancies, less stigma associated with single motherhood, and changes to laws governing international adoption." According to the article, "in 2014, the most recent year for which data are available, there were an estimated 1,563 adoptions in Minnesota. Less than a decade earlier, there were 2,900 per year."

Indiana Child Support Seeks Comments On State Guidelines. The AP (6/24) reports that Indiana's Domestic Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana is seeking comments on Indiana's Child Support Guidelines. According to the AP, the guidelines are used to make decisions about child

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support in dissolutions of marriage, legal separations, paternity cases, and all other actions for child support.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Op-Ed Considers Analysis Of US' Pandemic Preparedness. Erin Blakemore wrote in the Washington Post (6/22, 15.68M) about contributor Ed Yong's feature for the Atlantic suggesting the US may not be prepared for a pandemic. Yong examining the "worst-case scenario: a public-health system caught off guard by a pandemic that spirals out of control," observing that too often in such cases, "a large-scale epidemic takes over public attention, then fades into obscurity when the danger subsides, taking public funding and the wherewithal to build better safeguards with them," according to the piece. Blakemore said that Yong "builds a convincing case for a national lack of preparedness that...could spell disaster when a new pandemic comes knocking," and "worries about President Trump's ability to take on an outbreak, especially given that he has left key positions unfilled."

US Unprepared To Manage Epidemic Of Diseases Borne By Ticks, Insects, Experts Say. On its website, CNN (6/24, Cohen, Bonifield, 82.6M) reports on the growing threat ticks and insects pose because of their capacity to quickly spread Lyme diseases and other ailments. According to CNN, "For years, experts have voiced concern that many local public health agencies are unprepared to control such pests and limit the spread of the diseases." The piece notes that a report by "the National Association of County and City Health Officials says 84% of programs to control diseases from mosquitoes need improvement," adding, "In 18 states, every program is falling short." One expert is quoted as saying, "We're, simply put, not ready, and we should be."

Obama "Ebola Czar" Worries That Trump Administration May Not Address A Pandemic Effectively. The Atlantic (6/23, Calamur, 3.08M) reported on remarks by Ron Klain, "President Obama's Ebola czar," during the Aspen Ideas Festival cohosted by The Aspen Institute and The Atlantic. Klain discussed the looming threat of a pandemic and the impact of the Trump presidency on response efforts, saying, "There is a real reason for us to be scared of the idea of facing this threat with Donald Trump in the White House" because his "anti-science" stance and isolationist approach to pandemics would "be a serious threat to our security." Klain also spoke of gaps in preparedness related to leadership, funding, facilities and training, scientific understandings, policy, and global intervention.

MEDICARE

Medicare To Provide More Benefits For Chronically Ill. In what the New York Times (6/24, Pear, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) calls "a rare instance of bipartisan cooperation on a major policy initiative," the Trump Administration and Congress are "revamping Medicare to provide extra benefits to people with multiple chronic illnesses, a significant departure from the program's traditional focus that aims to create a new model of care for millions of older Americans." The changes, says the Times, "tackle a vexing and costly problem in American health care: how to deal with long-term illnesses that can build on one another, and the social factors outside the reach of traditional medicine that can contribute to them, like nutrition, transportation and housing." The additional benefits "can include social and medical services, home improvements like wheelchair ramps, transportation to doctor's offices and home delivery of hot meals."

State Officials Say "More Than 300,000" Minnesota Residents To Change Medicare Health Plan Next Year. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/22, Snowbeck, 1.16M) reported that Minnesota state officials said "more than 300,000 Minnesotans will be changing Medicare health plans next year...when a federal law eliminates certain health insurance options in the Twin Cities and across much of the state."

Lab Charges Spike At Rural Hospitals. Modern Healthcare (6/23, Bannow, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported on "a trend that's cropped up in recent years: exploding lab charges by some rural hospitals." Modern Healthcare said

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insurers have accused rural hospitals of breaching contracts by billing for tests performed elsewhere and on out-of-state patients. The issue is now the subject of lawsuits and a congressional inquiry. According to the article, "an analysis of Medicare cost report data identified 21 hospitals whose outpatient lab charges exceeded 30% of the hospital's total charges in their most recent reports, either 2016 or 2017." The article added that "for comparison, the average outpatient lab-to-total charges ratio among all of the nearly 5,000 hospitals that filed cost reports was less than 9% in 2016 and about 12% so far for 2017."

MEDICAID & CHIP

Experts Debate Medicaid Work Requirements. The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that new guidelines issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services allow states to impose work requirements on Medicaid beneficiaries, constituting one of the biggest changes in the program's 50-year history. The Journal features a debate between Robert Kaestner, a professor at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs, and Sara Rosenbaum, the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor in Health Law and Policy at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, who discuss the merits and challenges of imposing Medicaid work requirements.

Michigan Governor Signs Medicaid Work Requirement Bill. The Hill (6/22, Sullivan, 2.71M) reported that term-limited Gov. Rick Snyder (R) on Friday signed a controversial Medicaid work requirement bill. The law requires Medicaid recipients to "work for 80 hours per month, or be in school, job training or substance abuse treatment," but includes exemptions "for people who are disabled, pregnant, children or elderly." The bill previously included a provision exempting "people in counties with high unemployment rates from the work requirements," but that was removed after critics suggested it would disproportionately benefit white rural recipients.

Also reporting were MLive (MI) (6/22, Lawler, 983K) and the Washington Examiner (6/22, Leonard, 340K).

Kansas Health Department Awards Contracts To Three Insurers To Manage State's Medicaid Program. The AP (6/22) reported the Kansas Department of Health and Environment awarded contracts to three insurers to manage the state's Medicaid program. The state renewed contracts with Sunflower State Health Plan Inc. and United Healthcare Midwest Inc., while the third contract went to Aetna Better Health of Kansas Inc.

The Lawrence (KS) Journal World (6/22, Hancock, 38K) reported the state did not renew its contract with Amerigroup. The article explains that under KanCare, the insurers "are paid a flat, per-person rate for managing the care of Medicaid recipients, including coordinating their care between primary health care providers and specialists, and reimbursing the providers for their services."

The Wichita (KS) Eagle (6/22, Marso, Shorman, 316K) also covered the story.

Montana Advocates Move Closer To Vote Extending Medicaid Expansion. Congressional Quarterly (6/22, Williams, Subscription Publication) reported that last week, Medicaid expansion advocates in Montana submitted to the state what they say are enough signatures to get the issue placed on the ballot this fall. If approved by voters, the initiative would extend the state's Medicaid expansion, which is set to end next year.

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center Could Lose Medicaid Funding. The AP (6/23) reported that Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Texas could lose its Medicaid funding and was notified Friday that Medicare plans to halt funding to its heart transplant program on August 17. Federal officials, "raising concerns about two deaths in May, said the hospital has not done enough to fix shortcomings that endanger patients," according to the article. The AP said the funding withdrawal by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "would threaten the hospital's viability, experts contend, depriving it of an essential source of funding," and added that the termination "could trigger private insurance companies to follow suit."

Also reporting were the Houston Chronicle (6/22, Hixenbaugh, Ornstein, 2.14M) and ProPublica (6/22, Hixenbaugh, Ornstein, 49K).

Kenosha Boy To Visit Capitol Hill To Support Children's Health. The

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (6/22, Glauber, 596K) reported that 12-year-old Gabe Johnson of Kenosha, Wisconsin will visit Capitol Hill Monday to discuss the importance of Medicaid and other children's health programs. The push is part of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin's Family Advocacy Day.

Child Advocates Oppose South Carolina Medicaid Agency Push To Add Work Requirements. The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (6/24, Sausser, 292K) reports that child advocates in South Carolina are opposing a move by the South Carolina Medicaid agency to impose work requirements on low-income adults. Child advocates worry the plan will hurt parents and families, according to the article. Medicaid Director Joshua Baker "confirmed his department is negotiating with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to draft a plan that would require adults on Medicaid to work at least 80 hours per month," the Courier writes.

HEALTH & MEDICAL NEWS

One-Third Of Older Patients Die In Hospital After They Are Put On Ventilators, Study Indicates. The New York Times (6/22, Span, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reported that research indicates "one-third of patients over age 65 die in the hospital after they are put on ventilators." The findings were published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. According to the Times, physicians "are beginning to wonder if the procedure should be used so often."

Robot-Assisted Radical Cystectomy For Invasive Bladder Cancer Linked To Short-Term Oncologic Outcomes Comparable To That Seen With Open RC, Research Indicates. The Washington Post (6/22, Wan, 15.68M) reported that "robotic-assisted procedures have now become ubiquitous in some kinds of surgeries." According to the Post, "What once was seen as a technological marvel is commonplace in many hospitals." New research published in the Lancet indicated "there were no major differences in outcomes or complication rates in operations for bladder cancer."

Advances In Cancer Treatment Do Not Mean An End To Chemotherapy, According To Cancer Experts. NBC News (6/24, 5.76M) reports that although "cancer therapy is being transformed as immune therapies, targeted treatments based on DNA profiles and personalized treatments make stunning advances in some patients," that does not signal "an end to old-fashioned chemotherapy," according to cancer experts. NBC News adds that "chemotherapy is still a mainstay of most cancer treatment." Dr. Sumanta Pal, a board member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, said, "I would say that in my practice, it's still the majority that at some point in time will get chemotherapy."

Researchers Discover Compound That Could Stop Cancer Cells From Spreading. Newsweek (6/22, Georgiou, 2.18M) reported that researchers "have discovered" a "compound that could freeze cancer cells in their tracks and stop them from spreading, potentially making them easier to kill." Thus far, however, "the compound," called KBU2046, "has only been tested in models of human cells and so an approved drug based on it is still a long way off." The research was published in Nature Communications.

"Older, Grayer" Workforce Offers Benefits To Employers. The New York Post (6/24, Prafder, 4.46M) reports America is "older, grayer, and ready to compete for your job," as "by 2022, the number of American workers age 50 or older is due to increase by 62 percent, by which time it will make up 35 percent of our workforce, says Susan Weinstock, vice president of financial resilience for [AARP]." Weinstock stated that "people are working well into their golden years," due both to the "labor shortage" and also to employers' discovery of this "untapped resource" that is "highly engaged, much less likely to leave, and value the work." Weinstock also noted the benefits of generationally integrated workforces. The Post highlights a number of "age-friendly recruitment efforts and perks" from various companies, including Goldman Sachs' "returnship" program and Tufts Health Plan's active prioritization of experienced workers.

Tech Companies Should Tap Older Adults To Improve Devices. Similarly, CNBC (6/24, 4.81M) says that with the demonstrated ability of

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new technologies from Amazon, Alphabet, and Apple to benefit older adults, the tech sphere can "speed up" its impact by "[hiring] people who understand the needs of this population. In other words, they should hire older Americans." CNBC interviews several experts on how common devices such as the Amazon Echo could be improved to better serve older adults. A "prevailing myth is that older people are less comfortable with technology than their younger counterparts," per CNBC, but "in fact, the vast majority of people over 65 have a cellphone," and AARP and others are responding to the "increased demand" by "offering classes to help older Americans get up to speed with the latest technology, including gadgets and apps to help them live independently for longer."

Men's Shed Offers Older Men Community, Activity. The Washington Post (6/22, Fallik, 15.68M) profiled the international program Men's Sheds, which is "sort of like a Boy scouts for adults," offering men, "usually of retirement age," a place to "learn new skills and work together on community projects" with a common set of tools and a community of others with similar interests. The organization's motto is "shoulder to shoulder," which describes how many men feel most comfortable relating to others. The idea came together after a public health conference that focused on men's health issues, among which is social isolation, and AARP Chief Medical Officer Charlotte S. Yeh stated that men "often identify with their job, and when they retire they think they are going to keep the same friends they've had in the workplace, but then they find they no longer share the same interests," and not all can successfully integrate into spousal networks.

Column: Loneliness Affects All Ages But Is Preventable. Health columnist Jane Brody writes for the New York Times (6/25, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) that while modern life seems to "promote connectivity," it "has had the opposite effect of fostering social isolation and loneliness, experts say." Brody describes her own experiences with loneliness and social isolation as a young adult, saying that the "18 to 24" age range "has the highest incidence of loneliness, as much as 50 percent higher than occurs among the elderly." However, Brody acknowledges "it's not just young people who are lonely," as limitations due to chronic illness and mobility issues may struggle with "persistent loneliness." Brody highlights a program in Georgia that provides opportunities for caregivers to connect over painting, music, and dance "in partnership with AARP" and encourages readers to "consider making a date this week to meet a friend for coffee, dinner, a visit to a museum, or simply a walk," or "if nothing else, pick up the phone and have a conversation with someone."

Report Finds Working Longer Can Help Retirement Savers Make Up Savings Shortfalls. Jessica Dickler writes in a piece for CNBC (6/24, 4.81M) that "in a trade-off between working longer or saving more, a recent report found that delaying retirement for just three to six months has the same impact as savings 1 percent more of your salary over 30 years." The working paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that "boosting your retirement contributions by 1 percent for 10 years before retiring has the same effect as working a single month longer." Furthermore, "delaying Social Security past full retirement age lets your benefits grow by about 8 percent a year." T. Rowe Price Senior Financial Planner Stuart Ritter warned, however, that people should not "count on working longer to solve a shortfall caused by your not saving enough. Working longer feels more like a contingency than a strategy. The reality is most people want to retire as soon as they can."

San Francisco Is "Worst" US City For Retires. CNBC (6/24, Mercado, 4.81M) reports that a GoBankingRates analysis says San Francisco is the "worst" city for retirees in the US. It says that San Francisco residents face high living costs.

Substance Abuse A Rising Problem Among Older Adults. The Wall Street Journal (6/23, Ansberry, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports on the problem of dealing with an aging parent's alcohol problem. It says substance abuse is increasing among older adults, and their children are often at a loss about what to do. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration says the number of Americans 65 and older abusing drugs and alcohol is expected to double to 5.7 million by 2020.

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AARP CEO Column: Millennials Helping With Caregiving. In a column in the San Diego Union-Tribune (6/22, 664K), AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins wrote that AARP just released a new study, "Millennials: The Emerging Generation of Family Caregivers," that reveals that millennials spend an average of 21 hours per week on caregiving duties. She explained that, compared with older caregivers, "millennials tend to keep it to themselves," with only 19 percent of them telling coworkers. Jenkins added that "perhaps most pressing" issue is caregiving costs, with the average respondent spending $6,800 per year out of pocket on caregiving expenses.

Adolescents With Eczema May Not Use Topical Corticosteroids As Directed, Study Suggests. Reuters (6/22, Rapaport) reported researchers found that "adolescents with eczema who are prescribed topical corticosteroids to ease symptoms like itching and inflammation may not use their medicines as directed." The findings were published in JAMA Dermatology.

Patients Receiving Treatment For Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration May Be At Increased Risk Of Vision Loss In Connection With Cataract Surgery, Study Suggests. MD Magazine (6/22, Warren) reported researchers found "that patients receiving treatment for neovascular age-related macular degeneration (nAMD) have a moderately increased risk of vision loss in connection with cataract surgery which may be related to choroidal neovascular (CNV) lesion activity." The findings were published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology.

US District Court Rules In Favor Of Eli Lilly's Drug Patent. Reuters (6/22, Sharma) reported a US District Court ruled in favor of Eli Lilly's patent on the Alimta (pemetrexed) vitamin regimen blocking Hospira Inc. and Dr Reddy's Laboratories from launching generics until the patent expires in May 2022. The article points out that the company "has faced several legal challenges to its right to avoid generic competition for" the drug.

Researchers Growing Plants In Space As Potential Source Of New Drugs. STAT (6/22, Boodman, 27K) reported researchers are growing plants in space at the International Space Station to examine whether the specimens produce molecules that could be used in pharmaceuticals. The article highlights the company Space Tango, which is based in Lexington, Kentucky, and "helps researchers and companies set up experiments on the space station."

FDA May Approve First Cannabis-Derived Drug For Two Forms Of Epilepsy. The Washington Post (6/23, McGinley, 15.68M) "To Your Health" blog reported the Food and Drug Administration may approve GW Pharmaceuticals' Epidiolex (cannabidiol) "for two of the most severe types of childhood epilepsy" Dravet and Lennox-Gastaut syndromes. If the agency does approve the drug it would be the first cannabis-derived drug approved in the US.

The Scripps Research Institute Is Now Conducting Clinical Trials. The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/24, Fikes, 664K) reports The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) is now conducting clinical trials, which the article points out is "typically done by for-profit companies." The article reports that TSRI has long been known for conducting basic research, but an affiliate of the institute "recently started clinical testing of a drug to reverse osteoarthritis by regenerating cartilage." If the drug succeeds, then it may be financially beneficial for TSRI, which "has been running annual deficits as high as $20 million in recent years."

Oklahoma Conservatives' Views On Medical Marijuana Are Changing. The AP (6/23, Murphy) reported on the "growing group of traditionally conservative Republican voters in Oklahoma" who have shifted their position on medical marijuana. The AP said residents are set to vote on a measure Tuesday that could add Oklahoma to the increasing list of states that have "legalized some form of pot." The article added, "Among the reddest states in the country, Oklahoma has for decades embraced a tough-on-crime philosophy that includes harsh penalties for drug crimes that has contributed to the state now leading the nation in the percentage of its

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population behind bars. But voters' attitudes are changing." In 2016, "Oklahomans voted to make all drug possession crimes misdemeanors over the objection of law enforcement and prosecutors."

California Says 374 Terminally Ill Residents Committed Medically Assisted Suicide In 2017. The AP (6/22, Thompson) reported that 374 terminally ill Californians committed medically assisted suicide in 2017, out of 577 people that received life-ending drugs, the California Department of Public Health revealed Friday. In the first full year the option was legal, 90 percent of those who died were over 60, "about 95 percent were insured and about 83 percent were receiving hospice or similar care."

Trump Administration Resumes Approving Young Physician Visas. Forbes (6/22, 10.34M) contributor Bruce Japsen wrote that the Trump Administration has resumed issuing visas to allow international medical graduates into US residency programs "after a delay – and some denials – of allowing these doctors-in-training into the country." The Association of American Medical Colleges said that "clarifying guidance has been issued internally to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services staff conducting reviews" of medical residents applying for H-1B visas. Japsen said that "the timing of the guidance from USCIS is key. Most residency programs begin by July 1 so delaying non-U.S. international medical graduates is critical."

Another US Embassy Worker Confirmed Hurt By Mystery Cuba Incidents. The AP (6/22, Lederman, Lee) reported medical tests have confirmed that another US embassy worker has been affected by mysterious health incidents in Cuba, the State Department said, bringing the total number to 25. The new "medically confirmed" worker is one of two who were recently evacuated from Cuba after reporting symptoms.

Researchers Using AI To Predict Fatal Conditions. Bloomberg News (6/22, Bass, 4.46M) reported that researchers are using artificial intelligence to examine data points "from hours or even days before the onset of a crisis to see which combinations of factors might have predicted a fatal condition." However, "a big gap still exists between promising research and clinical success." Because physicians are using these programs to make life-and-death decisions, they "want what they call explainable AI, meaning systems that go beyond a simple warning to offer an explanation of why a patient has been flagged," according to the article.

Minnesota Patients Sedated By Ketamine Were Enrolled In Hennepin Healthcare Study Without Consent. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/23, Mannix, 1.16M) reported that Hennepin Healthcare has been conducting studies "for years" on ketamine, which the hospital's leadership says can be vital when paramedics respond to calls of severely agitated or aggressive people. The current study, which began last August requires no consent from patients whose data can be used for research, but gives the subject the option to opt out afterward, according to the article. The role of police allegedly encouraging or directing the use of ketamine by paramedics has generated outrage among community members and elected officials following a Star Tribune investigation.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/23, 1.16M) wrote in an editorial these instances are "a patient education responsibility on which the county-run health care system is falling short." The Star Tribune added, "The responsibility to educate the public and review potential policy changes isn't limited to just the Minneapolis police and City Council. The state's largest county and its leaders must step up and do better." The paper noted that "a physician representing the American College of Emergency Physicians – Dr. Howard Mell of the Chicago area – suggests that ketamine is commonly used by emergency medical personnel in other parts of the country and that 62 uses may be low for a metro area this size."

Walmart Secures Patent For Blockchain-Based Health Records. Fortune (6/22, Mukherjee, 3.91M) reported that Walmart won a patent last week for a system that would house medical records on blockchain. The purpose behind the system is to allow first responders to access medical data from a patient in the case of an emergency when they cannot communicate.

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Opinion: Give Women Access To Birth Control To Help Stop Unwanted Pregnancies. Trudi Inslee, Washington state's first lady and chair of Upstream Washington's advisory council, writes in the Seattle Times (6/24, 1.15M) that Washington is "proudly strengthening our efforts to expand women's health care by launching a public-private partnership to make the full range of birth-control methods more widely available to women." Inslee writes, "To reach this goal, the Washington State Department of Health and the state Health Care Authority will join forces with the nonprofit Upstream USA in support of their mission to expand opportunity across the country by reducing the rate of unplanned pregnancies."

Opinion: Lawmakers Should Begin Investigating CTE In Hockey. Ken Dryden, a former goaltender for the Montreal Canadiens and member of Canada's Parliament between 2004 and 2011, writes in the Washington Post (6/24, 15.68M) about recent video depositions related to a concussion lawsuit brought against the National Hockey League by about 150 former players that show several NHL officials denying a correlation between concussions and chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Dryden says "just as Congress held its first hearing about brain injuries and professional football in 2009, lawmakers in the United States and Canada must surely be readying themselves to start asking questions about the slippery sport of hockey."

Experts Debate Whether Physicians Should Ask Patients About Gun Use. The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) features an interview with Paul Hsieh, a physician and co-founder of Freedom and Individual Rights in Medicine, and Megan Ranney, an associate professor at Alpert Medical School at Brown University, in which they debate the question of whether physicians should make it part of their routine to talk to patients about gun use.

More Hospitals Launching Online Price Estimators To Improve Transparency. Modern Healthcare (6/23, Meyer, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported that a growing number of hospitals is working with vendors to offer online price estimates of common services. The move follows growing demand from patients in high-deductible health plans who want to shop around and know their financial exposure in advance. Modern Healthcare added that providers "face mounting pressure from regulators and consumers to be transparent about costs, especially given increasing public anger about unexpected large bills." The article said "CMS recently proposed a rule requiring hospitals to publish online a list of their standard charges in a machine-readable format and update the information at least once a year."

Sleep Apnea Treatment May Be Associated With Improved Sex Life, Study Suggests. Reuters (6/22, Rapaport) reported that research suggests "adults with sleep apnea...may have a better sex life when they wear breathing masks to bed." In the study, participants with the condition "were all prescribed nighttime treatment with masks connected to a machine that provides continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)." Researchers found that a "year later, the...patients who stuck with CPAP treatment had greater improvements in sexual quality of life than the 110 people who didn't keep up with treatment." The findings were published in JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Analysis: Americans Entering Retirement In Worse Financial Shape Than Previous Generation. The Wall Street Journal (6/22, Gillers, Tergesen, Scism, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) covered its analysis of older Americans' financial preparedness for retirement, showing that more than 40 percent of households headed by people aged 55 through 70 do not have enough resources to maintain their standard of living in retirement. The study indicated that Americans entering retirement have high average debt and limited retirement funds.

Nursing Home Surveillance Cameras Prompt Divisions Among Providers, Advocates. Next Avenue (6/22, 25K) evaluated the pros and cons of adding a security camera to a loved one's nursing home room in light of the fact that nationwide, "state legislatures are weighing in on" the technology, which "advocates say could help prevent or catch elder abuse and neglect." The article noted that in New Jersey, the state loans "hidden cameras to any

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family who suspects their loved one is being mistreated in a long-term care facility." Jon Dolan, president and CEO of the Health Care Association of New Jersey, said, "Now, if this were done on a recording device with the sanctioning of law enforcement in a probable cause situation and we needed to keep it confidential, I would fully advise my facilities to participate in such an investigation. ... But the idea that we're just going to give these cameras out to people and let them do whatever they want with them because the Attorney General says so? I don't think so."

People Fearing Onset Of Alzheimer's Turn To Lifestyle Changes After Drug Candidates Fail. The Boston Globe (6/24, Weisman, 945K) reports that many people who fear developing Alzheimer's disease "are turning to research that suggests lifestyle changes – from fitness regimens and brain games to better diets and social interactions – might help stave off the disease or push back its onset." The trend comes as people await drugs that could ward off the disease, although the Globe says failure after failure "has dashed hopes for a medical miracle."

Roche Touts Trial Showing Tecentriq Cocktail Improved Survival In Small Cell Lung Cancer. Reuters (6/25, Miller) reports that on Monday, Roche "said...a cocktail of its immunotherapy Tecentriq with chemotherapy boosted survival of patients with previously untreated extensive-stage small cell lung cancer compared with chemotherapy alone." In a statement, the company said, "These are the first positive Phase III survival results for any immunotherapy-based combination in the initial treatment of extensive-stage small cell lung cancer."

Cruise Ship With Norovirus Outbreak Stops In Alaska. The AP (6/22) reported the CDC recently said it detected an outbreak of norovirus on a cruise ship docked in Alaska. So far, media reports indicate 73 people have been sickened "on the Holland America cruise ship Zaandam...which is carrying more than 2,000 passengers and crew."

Ohio Declares Statewide Hepatitis A Outbreak. The AP (6/22) reported the Ohio health department "says it's declaring a statewide outbreak of hepatitis A" after officials have counted 79 cases this year, many of which "are linked to a multi-state outbreak in neighboring states." This year's cases "are nearly twice as many than what was reported all of last year."

Florida Teen Becomes First Human Case Of Keystone Virus. USA Today (6/22, May, 11.4M) reported a 16-year-old Florida teen has become the "first confirmed case of the Keystone virus in humans...leading researchers to believe the virus could be widespread" in the northern part of the state. The article said, "University of Florida identified the Keystone virus in the teenager after he visited an urgent care clinic in North Central Florida in August of 2016," and medical experts "suspected he had Zika virus." Upon determining it was Keystone virus, researchers published a report of his case "earlier this month in the peer-reviewed medical journal Clinical Infectious Diseases."

HIV-Positive Community Celebrates CDC's Acknowledgment That Treatment Can Nearly Eliminate Risk Of Transmission. The Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (6/24, Alexander, 164K) reports that the "CDC's acknowledgment that people in treatment" for HIV "can get to a place where they can't transmit the virus feels like a new step for the HIV-positive community." According to the article, the agency "finally acknowledged what years of research has shown: HIV-positive people in treatment who have an undetectable amount of the virus in their blood have 'virtually no risk' of transmitting the virus sexually to another person," recognition which many people who are HIV-positive have celebrated.

New Jersey Health Officials Warn About Measles Exposure. The Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger (6/22, Livio, 1.58M) reported that people who visited a Burlington County, New Jersey, gym or medical offices in Burlington and Camden counties this month "may have been exposed to measles, the state Health Department announced Friday." A person who was infected "who had just returned from an international trip visited a gym," physician offices, and Virtua Memorial Hospital. Officials warned that people who were exposed may not have developed symptoms yet.

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Maine, New Hampshire Beset By Whooping Cough Outbreaks. Seacoast Online (NH) (6/23, LaCasse, 39K) reported that cases of whooping cough are rising Exeter, New Hampshire, and "York, Maine, have experienced outbreaks of the respiratory disease in their schools." Exeter High School has seen 22 cases, and in York, officials confirmed six cases, "which according to the Maine Center for Disease constitutes a outbreak because there were three or more confirmed cases in 21 days."

Op-Ed: Too Few Older Cancer Patients Included In Immunotherapy Studies. Ankur R. Parikh, DO, medical director of precision medicine at Cancer Treatment Centers of America, wrote in a piece published in Oncology Times and carried by STAT (6/22, Parikh, 27K) that cancer immunotherapy may not be as effective for patients over the age of 65, "who make up half of cancer patients." Parikh explained that these patients are "poorly represented in clinical trials," and noted that because "immunosenescence may change patients' responses to drug therapies, we can't predict responses to it among older individuals based on studies that included only non-geriatric populations." Parikh called for future studies to include more older cancer patients to improve treatment outcomes.

Debate Continues On Whether Robotic Prostate Surgery Is Better Than Traditional Surgery. The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that robotically assisted laparoscopy is starting to replace traditional open surgery for patients with prostate cancer. The Journal examines the debate on whether using the technology improves outcomes enough to outweigh its higher cost.

Opinion: Iowa Attorney General Is "Completely Right" About Youth Smoking, E-Cig Use. Joel Nocera writes in Bloomberg View (6/22, 4.46M) that Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller is making the case that youth use of Juul "was much ado about not a whole lot" because around 80 percent of use by teenagers "is experimental." He added that there is little evidence that young peoples' use of e-cigarettes leads to cigarette smoking. Nocera adds, "And if you look at the statistics, you'll see that he's completely right about what's been happening to youth smoking."

One In Five Parents Don't Talk To Kids About Safety Issues At Amusement Parks, Poll Finds. Reuters (6/22, Crist) reported, "One in five parents don't talk to their kids about safety issues at amusement parks, especially what to do if they get lost," researchers concluded after analyzing data from "a poll by the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan." The poll data were "based on responses from more than 1,200 parents with at least one child between ages 5 and 12 in early 2018."

Exposure To Medical Marijuana Advertising May Contribute To Increased Use Through Adolescence, Behavioral Scientist Says. In a perspective piece for the Washington Post (6/22, D'amico, 15.68M) "Health & Science" blog, Elizabeth J. D'amico, PhD, "a clinical psychologist and senior behavioral scientist at the Rand Corporation," wrote, "Since recreational marijuana became legal this year, advertising for the drug has gotten out ahead of regulations that could restrict where and how teens are exposed to such promotional displays." D'amico cited research finding that "teens who reported seeing more medical marijuana advertising were more likely to report having used marijuana in the previous 30 days, and they were more likely to say they expected to use it within the next six months." D'amico observed, "These responses suggest that exposure to medical marijuana advertising may not only play a significant role in shaping teen attitudes about the drug but it may also contribute to increased use and related negative consequences throughout adolescence."

ACOG Releases Immunization Guide For Pregnant Women. NPR (6/25, Simmons-Duffin, 3.55M) reports that for the first time, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "has released a one-page immunization guide for pregnant women that spells all of this out." The goal "is for it to be easily posted in doctors' offices, 'so that it becomes more automatic and part of everyday prenatal care,' says Dr. Laura Riley, one of the guide's

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authors and chair of the ACOG immunization work group."

Scientists Developing Process To Form Blood Vessels To Simulate Heart Disease, Test Drugs. STAT Plus (6/22, Cooney, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported on a process developed by Marsha Rolle, associate professor of biomedical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, to build a "more accurate model of healthy blood vessels as well as damaged ones, hoping to learn more about cardiovascular diseases and whether drugs will effectively treat them." The article explained, "Based on this model, she and collaborators at Yale have created blood vessels derived from the cells of people with a genetic heart condition, supravalvular aortic stenosis, recapitulating the disease in a test tube."

Venture Capitalist Explains Investments In Artificial Intelligence. STAT Plus (6/22, Robbins, Feuerstein, Garde, Subscription Publication, 27K) interviewed Vijay Pande, a venture capitalist, to discuss how life sciences firms are using and investing in artificial intelligence. Pande explained, "I think traditionally there have been two types of investors," tech investors and biotech investors, "and I think what we've been doing, and others as well, as I think really are a new type of investing, where these are companies that are in health care and biology, but they can be built like tech companies, and so they have to have elements of both." Pande adds, "So they have to have the rigor to...make sure that test is accurate, to understand even just what you have to do to get into market, but also to build a company like a tech company, to build it by engineering."

Senators Ask FTC To Examine Pay-To-Delay Agreements On Biosimilars. STAT Plus (6/22, Silverman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported that Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) are asking the Federal Trade Commission to investigate "whether so-called pay-to-delay deals are preventing biosimilars from reaching Americans sooner than the drugs would otherwise and, consequently, are increasing costs for the health care system." In a letter to the FTC, "The lawmakers did not allege the companies have violated antitrust laws, but they wrote to the FTC that 'while such terms in patent settlement agreements may not always be inappropriate, the incentives for parties to delay biosimilar entry are present, and biologic markets could be susceptible to patent settlement abuse.'"

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Algeria Abandons 13,000 Migrants In The Sahara. The AP (6/25, Hinnant) reports that Algeria "has abandoned more than 13,000 people in the past 14 months, including pregnant women and children, stranding them without food or water and forcing them to walk, sometimes at gunpoint, under temperatures of up to 48 degrees Celsius (118 degrees Fahrenheit)." In Niger, "where the majority head, the lucky ones limp across a desolate 15-kilometer (9-mile) no-man's-land to Assamaka, less a town than a collection of unsteady buildings sinking into drifts of sand." Others, "disoriented and dehydrated, wander for days before a U.N. rescue squad can find them. Untold numbers perish along the way."

Non-Invasive Malaria Test Wins Africa Prize For Engineering Innovation. The AP (6/24, Muhumuza) reports Brian Gitta, a 25-year-old Ugandan computer scientist, recently won "a prestigious engineering prize for a non-invasive malaria test kit that he hopes will be widely used across Africa." Gitta won the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation, which is bestowed by "the Royal Academy of Engineering in Britain [and] comes with £25,000 ($32,940)," for his "test kit known as Matibabu" which shines "a red beam of light onto a finger to detect changes in the shape, color and concentration of red blood cells, all of which are affected by malaria. The results are sent within a minute to a computer or mobile phone linked to the device."

Ebola Vaccines Help Foster Improvements To Outbreak Response Efforts. Scientific American (6/23, Maron, 3.12M) reported on the role of Ebola vaccines due to an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in sparking improvements to outbreak response strategies. In the DRC, 1,611 people have been vaccinated with a candidate from Merck, and in tandem with a shot from Doctors Without Borders, "in total more than 3,000 vaccines have been administered in the country." While public health officials "say they are far from

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declaring the outbreak over," they continue to keep "careful surveillance" as they tackle "the difficulties of continuing to monitor the vaccinated individuals for the three-week period following their shots."

Op-Ed: Hong Kong Should Pass Official Policy Encouraging Older Workers. Anisha Bhaduri writes for China Daily (6/25, 5K) that rising life expectancies and growing older populations mean "Hong Kong must make concrete efforts to retain elderly people in the workforce," as residents 65 and over will make up almost 40 percent of the city's population by 2066. The statistics have special "poignancy" due to the recent "retirement of Hong Kong's legendary entrepreneur Li Ka-shing just shy of 90 and the election of Mahathir Mohamad as Malaysia's prime minister at 92," which dismantle "the conventional perception when it comes to the elderly." While Hong Kong currently "has no official retirement age...perceptions seem to be changing with more and more companies willing to retain employees beyond 60," and Bhaduri encourages Hong Kong to pass an "official retirement policy" that "will not only lend a formal structure to workforce management, but also put in place guidelines aimed at enhancing productivity with a specific demographic reality in mind."

Older Chinese Villagers Benefit From Yoga Pursuits. The New York Times (6/24, Wee, Chen, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports the residents of Yugouliang, China have undergone a yoga revolution, led by one official who "had a eureka moment" for an "audacious plan that seemed out of place" in the small village, where the average age is 65 and most residents "survive by tending to their cows and sheep and small plots of land." Despite initial skepticism, ultimately, a village team entered in a provincial competition and won an award for "best collective team." While the original plan to "[set] off a tourism boom could be difficult to achieve" due to the remote nature of the village, according to the Times, the "yoga-strengthened residents...save on medical costs" and report reduced pain. The Times identifies "China's rapidly aging population [as] one of the most pressing issues facing the ruling Communist Party," saying that "at least 50 million older Chinese have been left behind by the country's economic boom" in rural regions, and "many struggle with poverty and depression."

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GOP Lawmakers Say DOJ Less Than Cooperative With House Russia Investigation. The Washington Times (6/24, Mordock, 460K) reports that Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC) on Saturday "challenged" an AP report which said the Justice Department had given lawmakers documents related to the investigation of Russian election meddling. Meadows tweeted, "New reports of DOJ/FBI compliance with document requests are NOT accurate. While they have turned over additional documents, the new documents represent a small percentage of what they owe. The notion that DOJ/FBI have been forthcoming with Congress is false."

Meanwhile, House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte told Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures (6/24, Bartiromo, 1.45M) that some of the text messages between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page "have been very enlightening" but "they raise as many questions as they answer." Goodlatte added that "there is a lot of question about the cooperation of the FBI because of the concern there are people still there that don't want the information we need to be provided." And "that's why I issued a subpoena that resulted in changes. ... We have an office at the Department of Justice, a reading room were a million documents reside" and "we can examine all of those documents." Rep. Peter King (R-NY) said on Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures (6/24, Bartiromo, 1.45M) that there is "continual bad faith from the FBI and the Department of Justice." He said, "This was delayed and delayed. We got this response" and "the response is inadequate."

Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX) said on Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures (6/24, Bartiromo, 1.45M), "What's remarkable is that it wasn't partisan Republicans" but "this is the FBI's own independent referee saying he's deeply troubled and concerned that it is Peter Strzok and other Trump hating agents...collecting evidence and making every decision for the first nine months of the investigation that by definition is prejudicial to the fair...administration of justice."

Warner: "Buckle Up" For More Revelations From Mueller. The Washington Examiner (6/24, Lim, 340K) reports

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that in remarks at the DSCC's annual Majority Trust retreat on Martha's Vineyard on Friday, Sen. Mark Warner, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, told those in attendance "that they should 'buckle up' for more revelations in the Russia investigation in the coming months, boastfully joking that there was information only known to himself and special counsel Robert Mueller." Warner quipped, "If you get me one more glass of wine, I'll tell you stuff only Bob Mueller and I know. ... If you think you've seen wild stuff so far, buckle up. It's going to be a wild couple of months."

Trump To Campaign For McMaster In South Carolina Today. In what the AP (6/24, Kinnard) casts as the next test of President Trump's "effort to bend the Republican Party to his will," South Carolina voters on Tuesday will "choose between two GOP gubernatorial candidates who both claim to be Trump acolytes." Trump has backed his longtime supporter incumbent Gov. Henry McMaster, "who failed to win the GOP primary outright earlier this month," and faces a runoff election "against businessman John Warren, a first-time politico who some see as more like Trump himself." The AP says the race "is coming down to a question of loyalty. The White House is throwing everything at its disposal into the race to save McMaster, who went out on a political limb for Trump at a crucial point in the 2016 Republican presidential primaries." Trump has tweeted several times in support of McMaster over the past week, and he "will stump for McMaster on Monday afternoon in West Columbia."

Trump Mistakenly Endorses Wrong Clay Higgins On Twitter. The Washington Examiner (6/24, Lim, 340K) reports President Trump "faced a hurdle on Sunday in properly thanking and endorsing" Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA) "for his support of the Trump administration's agenda when he "mentioned" the wrong Clay Higgins on Twitter." In a tweet that has since been corrected, Trump said, "@ClayHiggins18 has been a great help to me on Cutting Taxes, creating great new healthcare programs at low cost, fighting for Border Security, our Military and are Vets. He is tough on Crime and has my full Endorsement. The Great State of Louisiana, we want Clay!" The Examiner notes that Twitter user @ClayHiggins18 "appears to be a Georgia Tech student, who has a private account on the social media platform," whereas the Louisiana Republican's Twitter handle is @RepClayHiggins.

Trump Criticizes Fallon For Not Being "A Man" After Interview. The Washington Examiner (6/24, Lim, 340K) reports President Trump called on late night host Jimmy Fallon to "be a man" on Sunday after "multiple reports that Fallon regrets ruffling the hair of the then-presidential candidate in an interview before the 2016 election, despite Trump's claims Fallon called him shortly after the appearance to say the pair earned 'monster ratings.'" Trump tweeted, "@jimmyfallon is now whimpering to all that he did the famous 'hair show' with me (where he seriously messed up my hair), & that he would have now done it differently because it is said to have 'humanized' me-he is taking heat. He called & said 'monster ratings.' Be a man Jimmy!"

Virginia Restaurant Owner Does Not Regret Ejecting Sanders. USA Today (6/24, Bacon, 11.4M) reports that White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders' "unceremonious eviction" from the Red Hen restaurant in Lexington, Virginia. The restaurant's Facebook page "was awash with commentary, much of it bitterly criticizing owner Stephanie Wilkinson" for asking Sanders to leave. Other comments were in support of the restaurant. The Washington Times (6/24, Richardson, 460K) reports that Wilkinson has "no regrets" about asking Sanders to leave, and she "insisted Saturday she would do it all over again, saying people need to 'uphold their morals.'" Wilkinson told the Washington Post, "I would have done the same thing again. ... We just felt there are moments in time when people need to live their convictions. This appeared to be one." For her part, Sanders tweeted on Saturday, "Last night I was told by the owner of Red Hen in Lexington, VA to leave because I work for @POTUS and I politely left. Her actions say far more about her than about me. I always do my best to treat people, including those I disagree with, respectfully and will continue to do so."

ABC World News Tonight (6/24, story 4, 0:55, Johnson, 14.63M) reported that at the restaurant, there are "signs offering appreciation on the front door, next to bouquets of flowers," while others are "outraged," with "Yelp flooded with one-star reviews [and] the restaurant's online menu hacked."

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The Washington Post (6/24, Jordan, 15.68M) calls "the public shaming and shunning of political figures while they are going about their private lives" a "rising phenomenon" resulting from the "anger and division in American politics," while the Washington Times (6/24, Richardson, Boyer, 460K) calls the incident the latest example of "the escalating public hostility directed at President Trump and his aides, raising concerns among some conservatives about the potential for partisan-inspired violence."

In an op-ed for USA Today (6/24, 11.4M), Joseph R. Murray II, a civil rights attorney and administrator of LGBTrump, a civil rights attorney and a political commentator, writes that "the idea that people would be denied service because of who they are or what they think is antithetical to a free society." Noting that Wilkerson "said her decision to deny Sanders service was due, in part, to the fact that the Red Hen employs members of the LGBT community," Murray questions how gay employees could "lobby for the ejection of Sanders" after gays have for decades "been denied service and have pleaded for tolerance." Murray argues that they "had the opportunity to be the bigger person and show that, in America, political foes can break bread rather serve up a cold dish of revenge" but they "passed on that opportunity and showed the nation that pettiness trumps principle."

Shaub: Sanders Tweet Violated Ethics Rule. The Washington Times (6/24, Richardson, 460K) reports that Walter Shaub, who served as director of the Office of Government Ethics under President Obama, said Sanders "violated the Code of Federal Regulations by using her official Twitter account to respond Saturday to the flurry of media coverage." In response to Sanders' tweet, Shaub tweeted, "Sarah, I know you don't care even a tiny little bit about the ethics rules, but using your official account for this is a clear violation of 5 CFR 2635.702(a). It's the same as if an ATF agent pulled out his badge when a restaurant tried to throw him/her out."

Waters: Administration Officials Will Be Harassed In Public. Breitbart (6/24, Key, 1.28M) reports that Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) told MSNBC Saturday that members of the Trump Administration can expect to be harassed in stores, restaurants, and gas stations. Waters said, "I have no sympathy for these people that are in this Administration who know it's wrong for what they're doing on so many fronts. They tend to not want to confront this president or even leave, but they know what they're doing is wrong. I want to tell you, these members of his cabinet who remain and try to defend him, they won't be able to go to a restaurant, they won't be able to stop at a gas station, they're not going to be able to shop at a department store. The people are going to turn on them. They're going to protest."

Cummings: Restaurant Should Not Have Ejected Sanders. However, Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) took a different view of the Sanders situation. The New York Post (6/24, Schwab, 4.46M) reports that in an appearance on CBS' Face The Nation (6/24, 2.75M), Cummings "said he thought the restaurant owner was wrong for asking...Sanders to leave her eatery." Cummings said, "I think the restaurant owner should have served her. ... I really do." Cummings added that "he believed President Trump played a role in the acrimony that led up to the incident." Said Cummings, "I think President Trump has created this. ... He's basically given people license to state things that are ugly and those things then turn into actions, as we now see."

The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) argues in an editorial that the restaurant's refusal to serve Sanders, along with DHS Secretary Nielsen being heckled in a Washington restaurant and protested outside her home will be a political benefit to the President, whose voters feel that they are being marginalized. In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/24, Board, 15.68M) says that Administration officials "should be allowed to eat dinner in peace." The Post argues that while some would say "we are in a special moment justifying incivility," they "should think for a moment how many Americans might find their own special moment. How hard is it to imagine, for example, people who strongly believe that abortion is murder deciding that judges or other officials who protect abortion rights should not be able to live peaceably with their families?"

Protesters Confront Bondi Outside Mr. Rogers Documentary. The AP (6/24, Sentinel) reports that Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi was confronted by protesters "at a showing of a documentary about children's TV host Fred Rogers, and they questioned the Republican's stands on immigration and health care." According to the Tampa Bay Times, Bondi was given a police escort Friday "when several

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members of Organize Florida confronted her as she left a Tampa theater after seeing 'Won't You Be My Neighbor' about Mr. Rogers." The group "questioned Florida joining a lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act and Bondi's general support of President Donald Trump's immigration policies."

The New York Post (6/24, Lapin, 4.46M) reports that Whitney Ray, a spokesperson for Bondi "said the confrontation was more violent than the video posted by protesters showed." Ray said in an email, "The video they are choosing to share is of the least aggressive portion of the attack that transpired after police arrived to control the scene. What they are not sharing publicly are several previous encounters involving large men getting in the Attorney General's face, spitting and blocking her exit." The Daily Caller (6/24, Kruta, 420K) reports that Bondi said of the incident, "We were in a movie about anti-bullying and practicing peace and love and tolerance and accepting of people for their differences. That's what Mr. Rogers is all about. We all believe in free speech, but there's a big difference there."

Flake: Senate Shouldn't Vote On Trump Judges Until There Is A Vote On Tariffs. Breitbart (6/24, Key, 1.28M) reports that Sen. Jeff Flake told ABC's This Week (6/24, 2.72M) that senators "should stand up to President Donald Trump by not approving any more judges until they get votes on things like tariffs." Flake said, "I can tell you Republicans need to stand up on issues like tariffs. ... I do think unless we can actually exercise something other than approving the President's executive calendar, his nominees, judges that we have no reason to be there. I think myself and a number of senators at least a few of us, will stand up and say let's not move any more judges until we get a vote, for example, on tariffs."

The Washington Post (6/24, Weigel, 15.68M) says Flake has so far "supported all of the White House's key judicial nominees, but the threat of a rebellion on one of the issues that has most united conservatives behind the president drew friendly fire." In a tweet, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) "mocked Flake's 'hissy fit' and said he looked forward to the end of his colleague's term this year."

Ethics Watchdogs Warn Administration Over Politicizing Presidential Coins. The New York Times (6/24, Vogel, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that since the Clinton Administration, "commemorative medallions known as challenge coins have been stately symbols of the presidency coveted by the military, law enforcement personnel and a small circle of collectors." President Trump, however, has "yielded more – and more elaborate – coins that are shinier, flashier and even bigger." Trump's aides have commissioned "multiple versions of an official challenge coin," and one design "approved by Mr. Trump and paid for by the Republican National Committee, is thicker, wider and more gold than those of preceding presidents," and bears his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again." Amid concerns of "running afoul of rules barring government resources from being used for partisan political purposes, the White House Counsel's Office warned staff members not to display the Republican National Committee's challenge coin, or any paraphernalia with Mr. Trump's campaign slogan, in government buildings."

Bossie Apologizes For Saying Black Panelist Is Out Of His "Cotton-Picking Mind." Politico (6/24, Griffiths, 3.51M) reports that former Trump campaign official David Bossie has apologized for telling a Fox News panelist who is black that he was out of his "cotton-picking mind." Bossie "grew increasingly agitated during the Sunday morning segment, which included discussion of Democrats and others who have described the Trump administration's policy toward separating families that cross the border illegally as akin to Nazi actions during the Holocaust." Joel Payne, a former aide to Sen. Harry Reid, "interjected as Bossie appeared ready to list others who had made similar comparisons, causing Bossie to exclaim, 'You're out of your cotton-picking mind.'" Payne replied, "Cotton picking mind? ... Brother, let me tell you something, I've got some relatives who picked cotton."

The Washington Times (6/24, Richardson, 460K) reports that after the segment, "Fox News host Ed Henry said the phrase was 'obviously offensive.'" Later Sunday, Bossie apologized in a tweet, writing, "During a heated segment on Fox & Friends today, I should have chosen my words more carefully and never used the offensive phrase that I did. I apologize to Joel Payne, Fox News and its viewers."

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USA Today (6/24, Hayes, 11.4M) reports that Fox News issued a statement "saying Bossie's comments were 'deeply offensive and wholly inappropriate.'" The statement added, "His remarks do not reflect the sentiments of Fox News and we do not in any way condone them." The Washington Post (6/24, Selk, 15.68M) says Fox News "declined to comment" when asked "whether Bossie would continue to be invited onto the show."

Bill Clinton Downplays Tarmac Meeting With Lynch. The Washington Times (6/24, Scarborough, 460K) reports that former President Bill Clinton told investigators told investigators that he saw nothing wrong with his impromptu meeting with former Attorney General Loretta Lynch on a Phoenix airport tarmac because he did not think the investigation into his wife Hillary Clinton's emails "amounted to much, frankly." The June 27, 2016 meeting, which is "captured in Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz's 500-plus-page report on the Clinton email saga," is "one of the moments most talked about. Some Republicans said the two-term president, by his mere presence, tried to influence the criminal investigation as Mrs. Clinton was running for president." for her part, Lynch "told investigators that she thought the meeting would be no more than a greeting. But Mr. Clinton made himself at home and regaled her and her husband in small talk, she told the Justice Department investigators." Clinton "said his motive was innocent."

Wolfe-Watkins Affair Has "Rattled" Washington Journalists. The New York Times (6/24, Grynbaum, Shane, Flitter, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that a three-year affair which began in 2014 between Ali Watkins, then, an intern in the Washington bureau of McClatchy Newspapers, and James Wolfe, "a 50-something senior aide to the Senate Intelligence Committee," is "now part of a federal investigation that has rattled the world of Washington journalists and the sources they rely on." Wolfe "was arrested on June 7 and charged with lying to investigators about his contacts with Ms. Watkins and three other journalists," and Watkins, now a reporter for The New York Times, "had her email and phone records seized by federal prosecutors." The seizure "was alarming to First Amendment advocates," who said that with "no allegation that classified information was disclosed...such a rare and aggressive tactic was unjustified and could undermine journalists' ability to report on government misconduct."

Barr Says Her Controversial Tweet Was "Misinterpreted." ABC World News Tonight (6/24, story 9, 1:50, Reshef, 14.63M) reported that in "a taped podcast with her spiritual leader," Roseanne Barr claims that the controversial tweets which resulted in the cancellation of her ABC show were "misinterpreted." Barr: "I never would have wittingly called any black person, say they are a monkey. I wouldn't do that. And I didn't do that. And if people think that I did that, it just kills me." ABC added that Barr was "overcome with emotion." Barr: "I definitely feel remorse. I am so sorry, and humiliated, and angry at myself."

Boardroom Table From "The Apprentice" Sold At Auction For $32,000. The Washington Times (6/24, Harper, 460K) reports that a boardroom table President Trump used as the star of NBC's The Apprentice was "sold at auction for $32,000" Saturday. Officials at Julien's Auctions "originally predicted the table would fetch around $16,000."

Raju: Trump Drives Up Democrats' Negatives, But Fires Up Democratic Voters. Senior congressional correspondent Manu Raju said on CNN's Inside Politics (6/24, 681K), "Trump has told Republican leaders he is willing to go everywhere. And the question is do they want him everywhere? They know that one thing he does effectively is he drives up the negatives of a Democratic opponent. He is very good at that. But, he also riles up the Democratic base. It is going to be an interesting calculation come the fall as we get into the heat of the general election where middle of the road voters, people may be put off by some of the Trump rhetoric and policies."

Romney Says He'll Back Good Trump Policies, Criticize Bad Ones. The AP (6/24, Whitehurst) reports that Utah US Senate candidate Mitt Romney's primary opponent has "painted him as an outsider who can't get along with President Donald Trump, but Romney has quieted his once-strident criticism." Romney told the AP, "I'm not someone who's going to be a

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daily commentator on everything the President says by any means, but if there's something of significance that the President says or does, I feel a moral obligation to express my own view." The AP says that while Romney predicted that Trump would be re-elected in 2020, he "hasn't endorsed him" and he "declined to do so this week, saying it's too early and he expects Trump to have an as-yet-unknown" primary challenger. Nonetheless, "Romney's tone has changed considerably since the 2016 campaign when he called then-candidate Trump a 'phony' and a 'fraud.'" Romney said that "things change after a president is elected," and that "he'll get behind good policies while criticizing bad ones."

Donovan Says NY11 Primary Battle With Grimm Has "Gotten Personal." The New York Times (6/24, Goldmacher, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that the NY11 primary battle between incumbent Rep. Dan Donovan (R-NY), who has been endorsed by President Trump, and ex-Rep. Michael Grimm "has revolved around Mr. Trump, and which Republican candidate can best carry his mantle in this, the lone Republican-held seat left in New York City." Trump has warned that a Grimm win "could hand the seat to Democrats come November," but Grimm's supporters "choose to look past Mr. Trump's endorsement, to forgive Mr. Grimm's criminal conviction, and pay even less heed to his more moderate record in Congress." They see "a candidate who talks like them and fights for them, just like a certain resident of the White House." Said one Grimm supporters, "Michael Grimm was a Trump before Trump was a Trump." The Times adds that Donovan's and Grimm's "feelings for one another are not masked." Said Donovan, "It's gotten personal."

Michigan Democrats Fear Thanedar Is A "Bizarro-World Trump." Politico Magazine (6/24, Friess, 3.45M) profiles Michigan gubernatorial candidate Shri Thanedar, calling him "the state's hottest Democrat." Thanedar, "a 63-year-old millionaire chemist and entrepreneur," was "utterly unknown" when he launched his campaign, and on "that blank canvas, he's spent $3 million and counting in TV ads to paint an image as a [Sen. Bernie] Sanders acolyte with big 'progressive' ideas who disarms skeptics of his accent (Thanedar is an Indian immigrant) and his non-European name with endearing, self-effacing jokes." However, "many Democrats" are "anxious, angry and downright hostile" to his candidacy. Many in the state see his "explosive burst onto the political scene [as] a partisan mirror image of the trajectory of another oddly coiffed, thick-accented businessman-turned-politician," and like President Trump. "Democrats here question what Shri Thanedar really believes" and fear their party is "about to be rocked by their own Bizarro-World Trump."

Maryland Gubernatorial Race A Test Of Sanders Backers' Ability To Win Primaries. The New York Times (6/24, Ember, Burns, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) reports that Maryland's Democratic gubernatorial primary, in which Sen. Bernie Sanders has endorsed and campaigned for Ben Jealous, has "become a critical test of Mr. Sanders's ability to sway elections." Sanders' "policy agenda has caught on widely among Democratic candidates, and succeeded in moving the party to the left," but "Sanders himself has struggled so far to expand his political base and propel his personal allies to victory in Democratic primaries." Sanders "has endorsed only a handful of candidates in contested primaries, and three of them have recently lost difficult races in Iowa and Pennsylvania."

The Washington Post (6/22, Chason, 15.68M) reports that recent polls show that Jealous and Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III are the frontrunners in the race. They are trailed by "state Sen. Richard S. Madaleno Jr., who was the first openly gay person elected to the Maryland General Assembly; former Obama appointee Krishanti Vignarajah, a Sri Lankan immigrant; attorney James Shea and tech entrepreneur Alex Ross."

District Of Columbia Council To Consider Lowering Voting Age To 16. NBC Nightly News (6/24, story 9, 2:00, Snow, 8.26M) reported that a city council hearing is set for this week on a push to extend the right to vote to 16-year-olds in the District of Columbia. NBC (Radford) added that the group Vote16USA is pushing "to lower the voting age to 16, just in time for the next presidential election."

WPost: Congress Must Devise Permanent Fix To FHFA's "Temporary" Housing Finance

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Takeover. A Washington Post (6/24, 15.68M) editorial calls on Congress to come up with a permanent fix to the FHFA's "temporary" takeover of the housing finance system. The Post says that "buried deep within the Trump administration's new plan to reorganize government agencies," was a proposal that "would end the conservatorship of Fannie and Freddie and replace their duopoly with a system in which an array of entities could participate, subject to strict federal regulation of capitalization and underwriting standards."

White: Kagan, Kennedy Opinions Should Encourage Reform Of Administrative State. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (6/24, White, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), Adam J. White, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution and director of the C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School, writes that Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan's majority opinion in Lucia v. SEC and Justice Anthony Kennedy's concurring opinion in Pereira v. Sessions show the need for the reform and modernization of the administrative state.

Gramm, Ekelund: Income Inequality Helped Elect Trump. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (6/24, Gramm, Ekelund, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) adapted from their forthcoming book "Freedom and Inequality," former Senate Banking Chairman Phil Gramm, and Robert Ekelund, a professor emeritus in economics at Auburn University, argue that while talk of income inequality was a major theme of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, an analysis by the Cato Institute's John F. Early, found relative equality among the bottom 60% of American earners, due in part to social-welfare spending and economic and wage stagnation during the Obama Administration. As a result, middle-income and lower-middle-income families saw that their hard work left them barely better off than those benefiting from welfare spending. That recognition, they argue, helped elect President Trump.

EDITORIAL WRAP-UP

New York Times. ***"It's Time To Integrate New York's Best Schools."*** In an editorial, the New York Times (6/24, Subscription Publication, 19.33M) says New York City's "school system is not only the nation's largest but also its most segregated." Mayor Bill de Blasio "largely ignored this reality for four years," the Times says, but he "has now taken an important step: He has put forward a plan to integrate eight of the city's specialized high schools, storied institutions like Stuyvesant, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech." The Times says these schools "have a vital mission, to challenge the city's sharpest young minds," but they have been "failing in that endeavor, because they all but shut out black and Latino students, leaving untold numbers of New York's brightest children behind."

Washington Post. ***"Congress Needs To Come Up With A Permanent Fix For Its 'Temporary' Housing-Finance Takeover."*** A Washington Post (6/24, 15.68M) editorial calls on Congress to come up with a permanent fix to the FHFA's "temporary" takeover of the housing finance system. The Post says that "buried deep within the Trump administration's new plan to reorganize government agencies" was a proposal that "would end the conservatorship of Fannie and Freddie and replace their duopoly with a system in which an array of entities could participate, subject to strict federal regulation of capitalization and underwriting standards."

"Trump Is Playing A Risky Game Of Chicken." A Washington Post (6/24, 15.68M) editorial takes a negative view of President Trump's trade conflict with China. The Post argues that Trump "is unable to set priorities. Instead of focusing on China, the country with which we and many other nations have the most legitimate grievances, Mr. Trump is simultaneously pursuing trade battles with every major U.S. ally." Trump "not only has decided to play a game of chicken with the U.S. economy. He has decided to play against the whole world."

"Let The Trump Team Eat In Peace." Citing a Virginia restaurant owner's decision to ask White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders to leave her restaurant, the Washington Post (6/24, Board, 15.68M) says in an editorial that Administration officials "should be allowed to eat dinner in peace." The Post argues that while some would say "we are in a special moment justifying incivility," they "should think for a moment how many Americans might find their own special moment. How hard is it to imagine, for example, people who strongly believe that abortion is

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murder deciding that judges or other officials who protect abortion rights should not be able to live peaceably with their families?"

Wall Street Journal. ***"Senate Obstruction In Profile."*** A Wall Street Journal (6/24, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial criticizes Senate Democrats' treatment of Brian Benczkowski, President Trump's nominee to head the Justice Department's Criminal Division. The Journal argues that Benczkowski is highly qualified for the position and takes issue with Democrats' claims that he has "Russia connections."

"How To Re-Elect Trump." The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Board, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) argues in an editorial that a Virginia restaurant's refusal to serve White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders last weekend, along with DHS Secretary Nielsen being heckled in a Washington restaurant and protested outside her home will be a political benefit to the President, whose voters feel that they are being marginalized.

"Turkey's Authoritarian Choice." The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorializes that even though the outcome of Sunday's vote in Turkey grants President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan vast new authority to expand his increasingly authoritarian rule, the vote revealed a reenergized democratic opposition, underscoring how many voters are unhappy with the slow economic growth, capital flight, and rising inflation under Erdoğan's leadership. Still, the Journal warns, Erdoğan will likely become an even more difficult NATO partner, in part because the Administration has neglected Turkey in its focus on North Korea, Russia, and Iran.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

WALL STREET JOURNAL:

Trump Plans New Curbs On Chinese Investment, Tech Exports To China
Erdogan Extends His Hold In Turkey In Pivotal Election Win
Amid Chaos At Border, Some Immigrant Families Reunite
Short Of Workers, Restaurants Turn To Robots

NEW YORK TIMES:

Erdogan's Election Win Gives Him Vastly Expanded Powers In Turkey
Trump Calls For Depriving Immigrants Who Illegally Cross Border Of Due Process Rights
How An Affair Between A Reporter And A Security Aide Has Rattled Washington Media
In A High-Stakes Environmental Whodunit, Many Clues Point To China
Trump's Trade War Could Shut Cheesemakers Out Of Foreign Markets
Bernie Sanders Is Winning Converts. But Primary Victories Remain Elusive.

WASHINGTON POST:

With More Floods, Fear Also Flows
Separated Families Feel Terror Of The Unknown
Trump Opposes Trials For Migrants
Now On The Menu: Dinner With A Side Of Shaming
If NATO, Russia Clash, U.S. May Stall In Traffic

FINANCIAL TIMES:

Erdogan Claims Victory In Turkey Elections
China Cuts Bank Reserves By $100BN To Cushion US Tariffs
Italy Disrupts 'Summit To Save Merkel' On Migration

WASHINGTON TIMES:

Is Violence Next? Some Democrats Encourage Aggressive Public Confrontations Against Trump, Aides
Mother, Crying Child In Iconic Photo Have Family Back Home And No Basis To Claim Asylum
Bill Clinton Says Tarmac Meeting With Lynch A Week Before Wife's FBI Interview Was Innocent
Pentagon Can't Work At Warp Speed To Build Trump's 'Space Force'
Chelsea Manning's Senate Campaign In Maryland Falters Toward End
Front-Runner For Mexican President A Known Name But An Uncertain Leftist Leader

STORY LINEUP FROM LAST NIGHT'S NETWORK NEWS:

ABC: Wildfires; Severe Storms; Immigration-Trump Comments; Sarah Sanders-Restaurant Ousting-Reactions; Trump-Republicans-Immigration Bill; Immigration-Reuniting Families; Pittsburgh-Police Fatally Shoot Unarmed Teen-Protests; San Diego-Police Officers Shot; Roseanne Barr-Racist Tweet-Remorse; San Francisco-Woman Calls Cops On 8 Year Old Girl;

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Hawaii-Volcano; Germany-Explosion; California-Shark Sightings; Elvis Presley's Jet Up For Auction; Teen Needs Bone Marrow Transplant.

CBS: Immigration-Reuniting Families; Immigration-Dept. Of Homeland Security Plan To Reunite Families; Trump-Republicans-Immigration Bill; Minneapolis-Police Kill African American Man; Wildfires; Saudi Arabia-Women Allowed to Drive; Colorado-Return of Rainbow Trout; Navy Pilot Killed In Plane Crash; Turkey-Elections; New Zealand-Prime Minister Names New Baby; Pride Celebrations; Scotland-Paleontology.

NBC: Immigration-Trump Comments; Immigration-Reuniting Families; Immigration-Psychological Effect On Children; Middle East-US And UK Trying To Bring Peace; Turkey-Elections; Saudi Arabia-Women Allowed to Drive; Opioid Epidemic-Mother's Recovery Center; Alaska Airlines-15 Year Old Helps Blind & Deaf Man; DC-16 Year Olds Want Right To Vote; Pride Celebrations; Facebook-New Tool; Smithsonian National Zoo-Panda Pregnancy; World Cup; Man Calls Members Of His Church On Their Birthdays.

NETWORK TV AT A GLANCE:

Immigration-Reuniting Families – 6 minutes, 55 seconds

STORY LINEUP FROM THIS MORNING'S RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS:

ABC: Trump-DOJ-Stormy Daniels; Trump-Republicans-Immigration Bill; Immigration-Trump Comments; Massachusetts-Hazmat Incident; Wildfire; Box Office.

CBS: Immigration-Trump Comments; Immigration-Protests; Virginia Detention Center Protests; Minneapolis-Police Kill African American Man; Massachusetts-Hazmat Incident; Gas Prices; Trump-DOJ-Stormy Daniels; Wall Street.

FOX: Immigration-Reuniting Families; WH-Defense Secretary Visit To China; Pride Celebrations; NASCAR News.

NPR: Immigration-Trump Comments; Immigration-Atlanta Mayor-Refuses To Jail Migrants; Ethiopia-Grenade Attack; Iowa-Oil Train Derailed.

LAST LAUGHS

Late Night Political Humor.

John Oliver: "We begin with President Trump, the abusive father America will be talking about in therapy for the next 40 years."

John Oliver: "This week saw continued outrage over his zero-tolerance policy causing children to be separated from their parents at the border – a policy which, you may remember, Trump repeatedly insisted last week he had no power to change. His hands were tied. There was nothing he could do. Well, guess what? ... Yes, Trump claimed he couldn't do a thing and then he did it. Which is a little strange, because he usually claims he can do things and then doesn't do them, like draining the swamp or locking up Hillary or attending Tiffany's sweet sixteen."

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Jessica,

Just a brief update regarding the email below.

Please approach UAC and ask for her consent to inform her parents of the pregnancy today, and give her the option to do so herself if she would like. Let her know that the program would like to inform them because minors often benefit from a consultation with their parents over the question of an unplanned pregnancy, and such discussions often leads to the realization that the parents have their best interests at heart.

If received, please tell them

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Jessica Martinez; White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Claudia Gonzalez-Rivera; De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC)
Subject: RE: Inquiry Regarding Request for Heightened Medical Service FW: Report of Significant Incident Addendum Event#110705

Dear Jessica,

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Thank you for the message.

Please direct the program to take the following steps:

1) Confirm pregnancy with OB/GYN according to standard operating procedure.

2) If further tests confirm pregnancy, the parents must be notified of the pregnancy. Either UAC or the program should notify parents, according to the UAC's preference.

3) Please report back when the program has completed these steps.

Thank you,

Scott

From: Jessica Martinez [mailto:jessica.martinez@iestex.org]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 7:59 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
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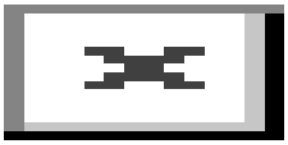
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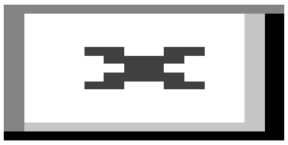
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Jonathan,

In addition to the information regarding the offer for adoption we received, please instruct the program to ask the UAC if she desires information about pregnancy. If so, please ask the program to share the attached materials with her. If she would like assistance going through them, the program should accommodate, and answer or submit to us any questions the UAC has. The program should not share if the UAC is not interested.

Thank you,
Scott

***

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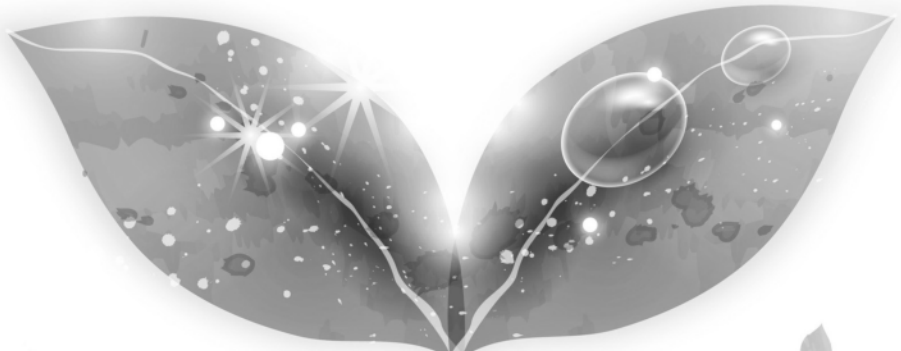
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Introducción

Usted está embarazada y debe conocer todas las opciones a su disposición. Tiene derecho a conocer la verdad. Este folleto le ofrece información importante sobre el bebé que está creciendo en su vientre y los recursos a su disposición durante y después del embarazo. Necesita información de calidad para poder tomar decisiones importantes sobre su embarazo y su vida. Tiene derecho a tomar estas decisiones sin presiones. Nadie debe tomarlas por usted.

Nadie puede obligarla a tener un aborto, ni siquiera sus padres ni el padre del bebé. Si se siente presionada (o coaccionada) por alguien para hacerse un aborto, sepa que tiene opciones. Cuéntele a su doctor, consejero o asesor espiritual lo que siente y pida un teléfono para llamar al **9-1-1** si necesita ayuda de inmediato.

Si usted es víctima de la trata de personas (es decir, si alguien la está obligando a trabajar o mantener relaciones sexuales a cambio de dinero), llame a la **Línea nacional de recursos sobre la trata de personas al 1-888-373-7888**.

Si está leyendo este folleto porque está pensando en abortar, el doctor que vaya a practicar el aborto debe hacerle primero una ecografía, dejar que usted vea a su bebé, describir aquello que pueda verse en la ecografía y dejar que usted escuche el latido, si ya puede oírse. El doctor debe esperar al menos 24 horas antes de realizar el aborto para que usted pueda pensar bien las cosas y tomar esta decisión importante sin presiones. Solo usted tiene el derecho de decidir qué hacer.

Usted y su doctor deben hablar con franqueza y en privado. Usted tiene el derecho de hacer preguntas e informarse tanto como sea posible. Para comprender mejor los riesgos, comparta sus antecedentes médicos con su doctor y hable con él del riesgo que plantea cada opción en vista de su historial y necesidades de salud particulares. Entre las cosas que debe hablar con su doctor están:

- Sus antecedentes médicos.
- Cuánto tiempo lleva embarazada.
- Los riesgos médicos de hacerse un aborto.
- Las alternativas al aborto, incluida la adopción.
- Los riesgos médicos que supone llevar un embarazo a término.
- El gran número de instituciones públicas y privadas que ayudan a las madres primerizas con el embarazo, el parto y la maternidad, entre ellas agencias de adopción y servicios de ecografía gratuitos cerca de usted que pueden facilitarle imágenes del bebé en su vientre.
- El dinero y otro tipo de ayudas disponibles para las nuevas mamás.

Tómese el tiempo que necesite para leer este folleto y hablar con personas de confianza. Puede hablar con un familiar, un consejero espiritual o profesional, un amigo cercano, su esposo, su pareja o el padre del bebé. Usted merece recibir los consejos y el apoyo de las personas en quienes confía. Le recomendamos que les pida consejos y orientación antes de tomar cualquier decisión relacionada con su embarazo. Sea cual sea su decisión, necesitará contar con el apoyo de las personas más cercanas a usted. Las decisiones que tome sobre su embarazo son sumamente importantes. Tiene el derecho de tomarlas teniendo en cuenta sus valores, creencias y necesidades médicas.

Puede consultar otros materiales en línea visitando: www.dshs.texas.gov/wrtk.* Este es un sitio web seguro. El Departamento Estatal de Servicios de Salud (DSHS) de Texas no recopilará ni registrará ningún dato sobre usted.

Si tiene menos de 18 años, la ley de Texas exige que los doctores avisen a su padre o tutor antes de que usted pueda abortar. En la mayoría de los casos, el padre o tutor debe dar su consentimiento, a menos que se le exima de este requisito. Si usted es menor de edad, pídale al doctor o al centro el folleto "Ya estás embarazada, ¿y ahora qué?", que trata sobre este aspecto de la ley. Este folleto está disponible en: www.dshs.texas.gov/adolescent/resources.shtm.

Si no se están protegiendo los derechos descritos en este folleto, o si observa que el centro se encuentra en condiciones ilegales o insalubres, puede presentar una queja llamando a 1-888-973-0022 o enviando un correo electrónico a hfc.complaints@dshs.texas.gov.

Nota: El derecho de la mujer a estar informada: Directorio de recursos (www.dshs.texas.gov/wrtk**) incluye información sobre ciertos programas y servicios con los que pueden contar las mujeres durante el embarazo, el parto y el crecimiento de su hijo. Este folleto contiene los nombres, direcciones y números de teléfono de estos programas. El directorio de recursos también contiene información sobre las agencias de adopción públicas y privadas.*

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El desarrollo de su bebé

El dolor del feto

Los bebés recién nacidos pueden sentir dolor. Sabemos que los bebés desarrollan el sentido del dolor cuando están en el útero. Dada la posibilidad de que el feto sienta dolor, actualmente la ley de Texas limita el aborto a las primeras 20 semanas de gestación[i].

El siguiente apartado describe los cambios que se observan a medida que el bebé se desarrolla dentro del cuerpo del madre durante el embarazo[ii]. Este periodo se conoce como gestación y puede medirse de dos maneras, que se describen en las páginas siguientes:

- El número de semanas transcurridas desde el inicio del último ciclo menstrual normal (semanas de gestación).
- El número de semanas transcurridas desde la fecha estimada de concepción, alrededor de dos semanas después del inicio del último ciclo menstrual normal.

Normalmente, se estima que la fecha de nacimiento del bebé será aproximadamente 40 semanas después del inicio del último ciclo menstrual normal.

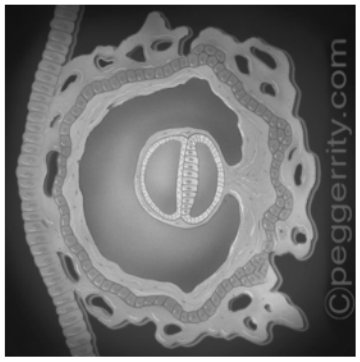
Concepción

Su bebé empieza a desarrollarse en el momento de concepción, es decir, cuando un huevo sin fertilizar (óvulo) se une y se fusiona con el espermatozoide del padre. En ese momento, su óvulo proporciona al bebé la mitad de sus genes (el material genético heredado que se transmite a través del ADN) y el espermatozoide del padre proporciona la otra mitad. Una vez combinado, este material proporciona toda la información genética necesaria para que el bebé se desarrolle en su vientre. En un embarazo a término, el ciclo de desarrollo empieza con el óvulo fertilizado y acaba unas 38 semanas después, cuando el bebé está listo para nacer.

Las siguientes ilustraciones muestran los cambios que tienen lugar a medida que su bebé se desarrolla, desde el momento de la concepción en adelante.

4 semanas de gestación

(2 semanas después de la concepción)



- El término científico con el que se designa a su bebé en esta etapa es embrión.
- Las células que se convertirán en órganos vitales, como el corazón y el cerebro, empiezan a desarrollarse.
- Los vasos sanguíneos empiezan a formarse.
- Su bebé pesa menos de 1 onza y mide menos de 1/8 de pulgada.

6 semanas de gestación

(4 semanas después de la concepción)



- El corazón de su bebé empieza a formarse. El corazón comienza a latir.
- El cerebro y la médula espinal empiezan a formarse.
- Los pulmones, el hígado, el estómago y otros órganos principales empiezan a formarse.
- Se observan las yemas de brazos y piernas (las estructuras que se convertirán en las extremidades).
- Empiezan a formarse los ojos y las orejas.
- Su bebé mide menos de 1/4 de pulgada.

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8 semanas de gestación
(6 semanas después de la concepción)



- El corazón en desarrollo de su bebé empieza a latir a un ritmo regular.
- Los rasgos faciales (ojos, nariz, labios y lengua) empiezan a formarse.
- Todos los órganos esenciales han empezado a desarrollarse.
- Los nervios espinales empiezan a desarrollarse.
- El cerebro sigue desarrollándose.
- Los brazos y las piernas se alargan.
- Los dedos de las manos y los pies se están desarrollando.
- Los órganos sexuales empiezan a formarse.
- Su bebé mide 1/2 pulgada.

10 semanas de gestación
(8 semanas después de la concepción)



- Se producen los primeros movimientos espontáneos de su bebé (movimientos que se producen solos).
- Se forman los codos y aparecen las uñas.
- Los párpados se desarrollan todavía más.
- La parte externa de las orejas empieza a tomar su forma definitiva.
- Los rasgos faciales siguen desarrollándose.
- Las células que detectan el tacto empiezan a formarse.
- Los nervios que controlarán los órganos del bebé se forman.
- La actividad del cerebro de su bebé ya puede registrarse.
- Al final de esta semana, al bebé se le conoce con el nombre científico de feto.
- Su bebé mide entre 1¼ y 1½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

12 semanas de gestación
(10 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé se mueve, aunque usted no pueda sentir sus movimientos.
- Todos los órganos y las partes del cuerpo están presentes y creciendo.
- Puede escucharse el latido de su corazón con aparatos electrónicos.
- El cuerpo crece rápidamente.
- El cuerpo y el cuello se alargan.
- Los párpados se cierran y no volverán a abrirse hasta la semana 28.
- Aparecen las uñas.
- Empiezan a formarse las yemas de los dientes.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de media onza y mide alrededor de 2½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

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El desarrollo de su bebé

14 semanas de gestación
(12 semanas después de la concepción)



- Las papilas gustativas están desarrollándose.
- Los brazos y las piernas empiezan a moverse.
- Aparecen los movimientos asociados al hipo.
- Los órganos sexuales externos se desarrollan y se diferencian (masculino o femenino).
- Su bebé puede responder al contacto con la piel.
- Su bebé mide cerca de 3½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los pies y pesa alrededor de 1½ onzas.

16 semanas de gestación
(14 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé puede tragar y se observan claramente los movimientos del pecho.
- La boca hace movimientos de succión.
- El bebé se lleva con frecuencia las manos a la cara.
- Los ojos empiezan a moverse.
- Su bebé mide cerca de 4¾ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos y pesa menos de 4 onzas.

18 semanas de gestación
(16 semanas después de la concepción)



- Puede que sienta los movimientos de brazos y piernas de su bebé.
- Los riñones funcionan y producen orina.
- Las papilas gustativas están presentes.
- La piel está arrugada.
- Se desarrollan todavía más algunos rasgos, como los párpados, las orejas y el labio superior.
- Su bebé mide cerca de 5½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos y pesa alrededor de 7 onzas.

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20 semanas de gestación
(18 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé es más activo, se mueve a cada minuto y usted puede sentir sus movimientos.
- Los movimientos parecidos a la respiración se normalizan y pueden apreciarse en una ecografía.
- La estructura de los oídos está bien desarrollada. Su bebé puede oír y responder a una gama de sonidos cada vez mayor.
- Empieza a crecerle el cabello.
- Todas las capas y estructuras de la piel están presentes, incluidos los folículos y las glándulas del vello.
- Al finalizar esta semana, su bebé puede tragar.
- Los ovarios que contienen los óvulos ya están presentes en las niñas, y en los niños empiezan a descender los testículos.
- El meconio (una sustancia de color verdoso compuesta de las células y secreciones ingeridas) empieza a formarse en el tracto intestinal. Esta sustancia será la primera evacuación de su bebé.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 11 onzas y mide alrededor de 6 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

22 semanas de gestación
(20 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé duerme y se despierta con regularidad. Los ruidos y sus movimientos pueden despertarlo.
- Ya se han formado los párpados y las cejas.
- Las cuerdas vocales están desarrollándose.
- El sistema nervioso sigue desarrollándose.
- Los movimientos se vuelven más coordinados.
- Pueden escucharse los latidos de su corazón con un estetoscopio.
- Su cuerpo está cubierto por una capa de vello muy fino llamado lanugo.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 1 libra y mide entre 7 y 7½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

24 semanas de gestación
(22 semanas después de la concepción)



- Si recibe un estímulo, su bebé parpadeará y se sobresaltará (contraerá los brazos y las piernas).
- Su piel está arrugada y enrojecida.
- Se han desarrollado los sentidos del olfato y el tacto.
- Si el bebé naciera en esta etapa intentaría respirar, aunque sus pulmones no están completamente desarrollados.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 1.4 libras y mide alrededor de 8 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

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El desarrollo de su bebé

26 semanas de gestación
(24 semanas después de la concepción)



- Aunque los pulmones en desarrollo de su bebé están completamente formados, no están listos para funcionar fuera del útero.
- Las líneas de la piel de los dedos de las manos (sus futuras huellas dactilares), los dedos de los pies, la palma de las manos y la planta de los pies ya se han formado.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 1.8 libras y mide alrededor de 9 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

28 semanas de gestación
(26 semanas después de la concepción)



- El cerebro y el sistema nervioso de su bebé se han formado y siguen desarrollándose.
- Los pulmones y el sistema digestivo se han formado y siguen desarrollándose.
- Los ojos están parcialmente abiertos y las pestañas ya están presentes.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 2.2 libras y mide casi 10 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

30 semanas de gestación
(28 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé da patadas y se estira.
- Su bebé tiene reflejos de agarre y responde al sonido.
- El sistema nervioso controla ciertas funciones corporales.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 2.9 libras y mide casi 10½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

32 semanas de gestación
(30 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé aumenta de peso y el cuerpo engorda.
- Las uñas de las manos y los pies crecen.
- Las pupilas reaccionan a la luz.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 4 libras y mide casi 11 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

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34 semanas de gestación
(32 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé se muestra activo (se mueve) el 60% o más del tiempo.
- Los huesos se endurecen, pero el cráneo sigue siendo suave y flexible, para facilitar el parto.
- Su respiración es rítmica y los pulmones siguen desarrollándose.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 4.6 libras y mide alrededor de 12 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

36 semanas de gestación
(34 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé aumenta de peso rápidamente, preparándose para el nacimiento.
- Su cuerpo y su cara se rellenan; la piel ya no está arrugada.
- Las uñas llegan hasta la punta de los dedos.
- En las últimas cuatro semanas de gestación, usted le pasa a su bebé una gran cantidad de factores de inmunidad (sustancias en la sangre que lo protegen de enfermedades e infecciones).
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 5.5 libras y mide alrededor de 12½ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

38 semanas de gestación
(36 semanas después de la concepción)



- Los pulmones y el cerebro de su bebé se desarrollan rápidamente.
- Su bebé puede agarrar objetos con firmeza.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 6.4 libras y mide alrededor de 13⅓ pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

40 semanas de gestación
(38 semanas después de la concepción)



- Su bebé está completamente desarrollado y se considera que está a término.
- El cerebro y el sistema nervioso seguirán desarrollándose después de nacer.
- Las uñas de los pies llegan hasta la punta de los dedos.
- Ya han aparecido los brotes mamarios.
- Las uñas de las manos crecen más allá de las puntas de los dedos.
- Su bebé pesa cerca de 7.5 libras y mide alrededor de 14 pulgadas de la cabeza a los glúteos.

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Riesgos relacionados con el aborto

En este apartado se describen los riesgos asociados al aborto. Estos riesgos varían dependiendo de distintos factores.

Muerte

El riesgo de morir y de sufrir complicaciones graves a causa de un aborto es mayor cuanto más avanzado esté el embarazo. Según datos recientes de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC), entre 2008 y 2011 se registraron en Estados Unidos 0.73 muertes relacionadas con abortos legales por cada 100,000 abortos reportados[iii]. Estudios realizados en otros países altamente desarrollados han mostrado una tasa mayor de mortalidad asociada a los abortos legales [iv].

Riesgos para la salud física

Además, un aborto puede provocar efectos secundarios físicos de distintos niveles de gravedad. Normalmente la mujer tiene cólicos y sangrado vaginal después de someterse a cualquier tipo de aborto. Otros síntomas o efectos secundarios son náuseas (malestar estomacal) o vómitos, diarrea, sensación de calor o escalofríos, dolor de cabeza, mareo y fatiga (cansancio excesivo).

Los abortos, espontáneos o no, pueden resultar en complicaciones tales como lesiones en los órganos internos, coágulos de sangre o infecciones graves. Estas complicaciones se describirán en detalle más adelante en este folleto, según los distintos tipos de aborto.

Riesgos para la salud mental

Las mujeres afirman sentir distintas emociones después de tener un aborto. Entre ellas están la depresión o los pensamientos suicidas. Después de un aborto, algunas mujeres también sienten tristeza, ansiedad, autoestima baja, arrepentimiento y desapego emocional. Además pueden experimentar disfunción sexual, tener recuerdos recurrentes y abusar de sustancias. En algunas mujeres, estas emociones pueden



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aparecer inmediatamente después de un aborto; en otras, de forma gradual. Estos sentimientos pueden reaparecer o intensificarse con un nuevo aborto, al dar a luz o en los aniversarios del aborto. Es importante que hable con su médico si se siente así.

Es más probable que las mujeres que han tenido problemas de salud mental los vuelvan a sufrir después de tener un aborto. Estas mujeres podrían necesitar ayuda adicional.

Es muy importante participar en terapia o recibir ayuda antes de tomar la decisión de abortar. Si no puede contar con el apoyo y la ayuda de su familia, hablar con un consejero espiritual o profesional antes de abortar puede ayudarle a entender mejor la decisión que está tomando. Muchos centros de recursos para el embarazo pueden asesorarla. Estos centros aparecen en el directorio de recursos.

Infertilidad en el futuro

Cuanto más avanzado esté su embarazo, mayor será la posibilidad de sufrir complicaciones graves que pueden provocar infertilidad y aumentar el riesgo de morir a causa de un aborto. Algunas complicaciones asociadas al aborto, como por ejemplo una infección, un corte o un desgarro del cuello uterino, pueden dificultar o impedir que quede embarazada o que lleve un embarazo a término.

Riesgo de cáncer de seno[v]

Su historial de embarazo afecta a sus posibilidades de contraer cáncer de seno. Si tiene a su bebé, es menos probable que desarrolle cáncer de seno en el futuro. Los estudios indican que, si tiene un aborto, usted no cuenta con esta mayor protección frente al cáncer de seno. Además, doctores y científicos están estudiando la compleja biología del cáncer de seno para determinar si un aborto puede repercutir en el riesgo de cáncer de seno. Si alguien en su familia ha padecido cáncer de seno o una enfermedad del seno, pregunte a su doctor qué efectos tiene un embarazo en el riesgo de padecer cáncer de seno.

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Tomar una decisión informada

Para tomar una decisión informada, es necesario que conozca todas sus opciones. Cada opción tiene posibles riesgos y beneficios. Hay servicios de asesoramiento disponibles para ayudarle a entender bien cuáles son sus opciones y a tomar una decisión.

Antes de tener un aborto

Debe preguntarle a su doctor acerca de cualquier posible riesgo. Usted tiene derecho a estar informada, y es obligación del doctor asegurarse de que usted reciba información antes de tomar la decisión de tener un aborto. Estas son algunas cuestiones que el doctor debe hablar con usted:

- Usted debe estar segura de que está embarazada y de cuánto tiempo lleva embarazada. Su doctor le hará además un examen pélvico.
- Su doctor evaluará su estado de salud y le hablará de los riesgos médicos asociados al aborto. Usted se someterá a un examen físico y pruebas de laboratorio, y contestará una serie de preguntas sobre sus antecedentes médicos. El doctor responderá a cualquier pregunta que usted tenga.
- El doctor le explicará cómo crece el bebé en su vientre y le dará una lista de las agencias que ofrecen alternativas al aborto, incluida la adopción, y los nombres de agencias y organizaciones privadas que ofrecen servicios de ecografía (imágenes del bebé en el útero o ultrasonidos). Algunas organizaciones ofrecen ecografías gratuitas.

Si usted decide tener un aborto:

- Al menos 24 horas antes del aborto, el doctor le hará una ecografía y le explicará lo que usted está viendo, incluidos el tamaño del bebé y si hay un latido, extremidades u órganos internos. El doctor está obligado a mostrarle la imagen de la ecografía mientras se esté realizando. Usted puede optar por no mirar las imágenes de su bebé. Usted tiene derecho de ver su ecografía en cualquier momento.
- Si tiene menos de 18 años, es obligatorio notificar a uno de sus padres o a su tutor y obtener su autorización, o bien tendrá que pedirle a un juez que le exima del requisito de notificación y consentimiento.
- El doctor que practique el aborto debe proporcionarle el material impreso que publica el Departamento Estatal de Servicios de Salud de Texas (DSHS), titulado *El derecho de la mujer a estar informada*, y decirle que puede encontrar estos materiales en el sitio web del DSHS. Tendrá al menos un día para leer la información que le dé su doctor antes de la cita para el aborto. Deberá firmar un consentimiento por escrito para abortar.
- Su doctor debe darle un número de teléfono al que puede llamar las 24 horas del día para hablar con un médico u otro profesional de la salud sobre cualquier complicación o pregunta relacionada con el aborto, así como el nombre y teléfono del hospital más cercano a su domicilio donde pueden tratarla en caso de producirse una emergencia a consecuencia del aborto.
- Su doctor puede ofrecerle la posibilidad de someterse a un aborto farmacológico, que consiste en tomar un medicamento para provocar un aborto. En caso de realizar un aborto farmacológico, su doctor deberá entregarle una copia de la etiqueta impresa del medicamento empleado para inducir el aborto.



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Asistencia médica y social

Antes de que pueda practicarse un aborto, su doctor debe darle cierta información importante, entre ella:

- Los beneficios de asistencia médica que pueden ayudarle con la atención prenatal, el parto y los cuidados del recién nacido.
- Las obligaciones legales del padre del bebé para ayudar a mantener a su hijo si usted decide continuar con el embarazo y quedarse con el bebé. Por ley, el padre debe ayudar aun cuando se haya ofrecido a pagar por el aborto.
- Instituciones públicas y privadas que pueden ayudarle si usted ha sido víctima de una violación o de incesto.
- Instituciones públicas y privadas que pueden proporcionarle información sobre cómo evitar el embarazo y recomendarle servicios de planificación familiar.

Debe saber que, si decide tener al bebé y se ve abrumada por sus obligaciones como madre, Texas tiene una ley llamada "Bebé Moisés/ Refugio Seguro". Esta ley permite que usted o el padre del niño dejen a un bebé que aparente tener menos de 60 días de vida bajo el cuidado de un proveedor de atención de emergencia, como una estación de servicios médicos de emergencia, una estación de bomberos, una agencia de colocación de menores con licencia o cualquier hospital. Usted no tendrá que regresar por el bebé ni se le acusará de ningún delito, siempre y cuando el niño no haya sufrido daños.

Servicios de manutención de niños

Ayuda para obtener la manutención de niños

El padre de su hijo está obligado por ley a pagar la manutención del niño, y la Procuraduría General de Texas puede ayudarle a cobrar esta manutención. La División de Manutención de Niños de la Procuraduría General puede ayudarle a encontrar a los padres cuyo paradero se desconoce, a demostrar legalmente quién es el padre, a dictar órdenes de manutención de niños o a cobrar pagos de manutención de niños. Texas es el estado más eficaz a la hora de asegurar que los padres paguen lo que deben, habiendo cobrado solo en 2015 más de 3,900 millones de dólares. Texas tiene un alto índice de cobro: el estado logra recolectar el 65.2 por ciento de todos los montos por concepto de manutención. Si necesita estos servicios, llame al 1-800-252-8014 o visite ***www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/bienvenidos-a-la-division-de-manutencion-de-ninos/***.
Si usted es víctima de violencia familiar, estas son las medidas que puede tomar para cobrar la manutención de niños sin correr peligro.

Para más información, visite ***www.getchildsupportsafely.org/en-espanol/***.



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Servicios de adopción

Otra opción que puede considerar es la adopción. La adopción significa que usted, como madre biológica, transfiere voluntariamente sus derechos como madre de su bebé a otra familia. Escoger la adopción significa que usted quiere que su hijo tenga una buena vida, pero quizás en este momento usted no pueda ser la mejor madre.

Dar a su hijo en adopción es una decisión valiente y motivada por el amor que siente por su bebé. Cuando entrega a su bebé en adopción, lo está colocando con unos padres cariñosos que pueden darle la buena vida que usted quiere para él.

Hay muchos recursos disponibles para ayudarle a decidir si la adopción es la opción más adecuada para usted y su bebé. Cada adopción es diferente y usted recibirá ayuda para asegurar que el proceso de adopción se ajuste a sus necesidades y a las de su bebé.

Si escoge dar a su bebé en adopción, podría tener la opción de elegir y conocer a la familia que lo adoptará. Puede escoger entre dos tipos de adopción para su bebé. En una adopción abierta, usted puede permanecer en contacto con su bebé mientras crece, tal vez mediante fotografías, llamadas telefónicas o visitas. En una adopción cerrada, no habrá contacto entre usted y la familia que adopte a su bebé una vez concluida la adopción. Usted tiene la opción de escoger el tipo de adopción que prefiera.

Hable con un pariente, consejero espiritual o profesional o amigo cercano sobre la adopción. Dado que la adopción es una decisión muy importante, puede que quiera contar con el apoyo de personas de confianza antes de tomar esta decisión.

Nunca es demasiado tarde para decidir dar a su hijo en adopción. Puede tomar esta decisión en cualquier momento durante su embarazo o incluso una vez que haya nacido el bebé.

Puede encontrar más información sobre la adopción y las organizaciones que ofrecen servicios de adopción en: ***https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Espanol/Servicios_de_Proteccion_al_Menor/Adoption.asp/***.



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Procedimientos y efectos secundarios

Los dos tipos principales de aborto son el aborto farmacológico y el aborto quirúrgico. Es normal que la mujer presente dolores y sangrado vaginal después de someterse a cualquier tipo de aborto. Podrían presentarse otros síntomas o efectos secundarios, entre ellos, náuseas (malestar estomacal) o vómitos, diarrea, sensación de calor o escalofríos, dolor de cabeza, mareo y fatiga (cansancio excesivo). Además, en ocasiones pueden presentarse otras complicaciones graves. En este apartado se describirá también el riesgo de complicaciones relacionado con cada uno de estos métodos.

Abortos durante el primer trimestre

Durante el primer trimestre (hasta las 13 semanas de gestación), se puede realizar un aborto con medicamentos o con cirugía.

Aborto farmacológico (sin cirugía)

En un aborto farmacológico se usan medicamentos en vez de cirugía para interrumpir el embarazo en su etapa inicial, es decir, en los 70 días (10 semanas) o menos, siguientes al primer día de su último ciclo menstrual. Este método requiere que vaya varias veces al doctor. Los medicamentos que se usan en un aborto farmacológico pueden causar sangrado, cólicos y la expulsión del feto y otros tejidos. En algunos casos, si hay sangrado excesivo puede ser necesario realizar una transfusión de sangre, un tratamiento con medicamentos, una cirugía o transfusiones de solución salina. Uno de los riesgos del aborto farmacológico son las infecciones graves.

Estos son algunos de los posibles riesgos o complicaciones de los abortos farmacológicos con mifepristona y misoprostol[vi]:

- Menos del 3% de los procedimientos no funcionarán y darán lugar a un procedimiento quirúrgico para interrumpir el embarazo o completar el aborto.
- Más de 15 de cada 100 mujeres que se someten a un aborto farmacológico experimentarán náuseas, debilidad, fiebre o escalofríos, vómitos, dolor de cabeza, diarrea o mareo.
- Entre 3 y 5 de cada 100 procedimientos acabarán en una visita a la sala de emergencias.
- Hasta 6 de cada 1,000 abortos farmacológicos requerirán hospitalización.
- Pueden producirse hemorragias (sangrado excesivo).
- Aproximadamente 4 de cada 100 procedimientos requieren medicamentos para controlar el sangrado.
- Alrededor de 1 de cada 100 procedimientos requiere una intervención quirúrgica para detener el sangrado y extraer partes del bebé y de la placenta.
- En hasta 5 de cada 1,000 procedimientos se administran transfusiones de sangre.
- Si no se extraen todas las partes del bebé y otros tejidos, incluida la placenta, podría ser necesario realizar un procedimiento quirúrgico de seguimiento.
- Las complicaciones durante el procedimiento



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podrían aumentar el riesgo de infertilidad (la incapacidad de tener un bebé).

Se han reportado infecciones bacterianas graves en 2 de cada 1,000 procedimientos. En escasas ocasiones, una infección grave después del aborto farmacológico ha provocado la muerte de la paciente.

¿Quién no debería someterse a un aborto farmacológico?

Algunas mujeres no deberían someterse a un aborto farmacológico. Estas son algunas razones por las que no debería realizarse un aborto farmacológico:

- Han pasado más de 70 días (10 semanas) desde el primer día de su última menstruación.
- Es alérgica a alguno de los medicamentos que se usarán.
- Tiene o podría tener un embarazo extrauterino o ectópico (cuando el bebé se desarrolla fuera del útero).
- Tiene un dispositivo intrauterino (DIU). El DIU debe extraerse antes de que el doctor pueda darle el medicamento.
- Ha estado tomando cierto tipo de medicamentos, como anticoagulantes o ciertos esteroides.
- Tiene una afección médica especial, como convulsiones descontroladas o un trastorno hemorrágico.
- Tiene algún problema de las glándulas adrenales (insuficiencia adrenal crónica).
- No puede acudir a todas las consultas para obtener los medicamentos necesarios para realizar el aborto, o no puede someterse a los chequeos necesarios después del aborto.
- No tiene acceso a servicios de emergencia, si llegaran a necesitarse, en las dos semanas después de tomar los medicamentos.

Le recomendamos que hable con su doctor para descartar cualquier afección médica u otro problema de salud que podría ponerla en riesgo al hacerse un aborto farmacológico.

Cuando se someta a un aborto farmacológico durante la consulta, su doctor le dará mifepristona (anteriormente llamada RU 486 y actualmente conocida por su nombre comercial, Mifeprex®). Se toma por vía oral. Después de tomar la mifepristona, experimentará un sangrado vaginal y expulsará coágulos y tejido fetal. El sangrado suele durar entre 9 y 16 días, pero en ocasiones dura hasta 30 días. Su doctor programará una cita dos días después de que usted haya tomado la mifepristona. Si el aborto farmacológico ha quedado incompleto, se le dará un segundo medicamento, misoprostol. El misoprostol puede causar cólicos, náuseas, diarrea y otros síntomas. Es posible que su doctor la envíe a casa con un medicamento para aliviar estos síntomas.

El doctor programará una cita de seguimiento en los 14 días siguientes de administrarle el medicamento. Le hará un chequeo para ver si tiene algún síntoma y si el embarazo se ha interrumpido por completo. Asegúrese de comentarle a su doctor cualquier síntoma físico o emocional que esté experimentando. Antes de su cita de seguimiento, podría necesitar atención médica inmediata si presenta síntomas graves.



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Abortos durante el primer trimestre (continuación)

Legrado por succión (aborto quirúrgico)

El tipo de aborto más habitual es el legrado por succión, a veces llamado dilatación y legrado o legrado por aspiración.

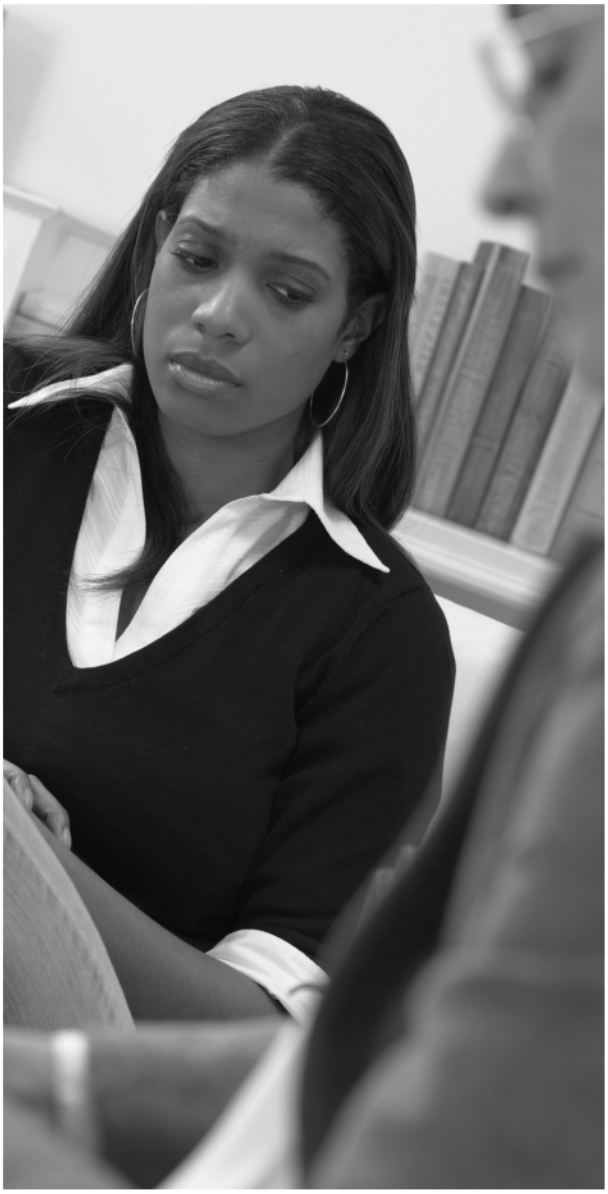
La mayoría de las mujeres experimentan algo de dolor con este procedimiento. Puede que usted reciba medicamentos para el dolor, un sedante o ambos antes del procedimiento. Para realizar el procedimiento, podrían inyectarla o aplicar anestesia local en la zona del cuello uterino. También podrían administrarle anestesia general para dormirla y que no sienta dolor durante el procedimiento.

El doctor inserta un espéculo para mantener la vagina abierta, como en un examen pélvico, y le inyecta o aplica anestesia local. El cuello uterino se abre. A continuación, el contenido del útero, incluidos el bebé y la placenta, se extraen usando un aparato de succión que se inserta en el útero.

El procedimiento suele durar de 10 a 15 minutos, pero puede llevar más tiempo dependiendo de la etapa de desarrollo del bebé.

Entre las posibles complicaciones o riesgos del legrado por succión figuran[vii]:

- Hemorragias (sangrado excesivo) con la posibilidad de histerectomía (extracción del útero) de emergencia para detener el sangrado.
- Perforación uterina (un agujero en el útero).
- Lesión al intestino o la vejiga, si se produce una perforación del útero.
- Incisión abdominal y operación para corregir la lesión.
- Si no se logran extraer todas las partes del bebé y otros tejidos, incluida la placenta, podría ser necesario realizar otro procedimiento (esto sucede en menos de 5 de cada 100 procedimientos, es decir, en menos del 5% de los casos)[viii].
- Las complicaciones durante el procedimiento podrían aumentar el riesgo de infertilidad (la incapacidad de tener un bebé).
- Infección, normalmente debido a una infección que ya tenía la paciente antes del aborto.



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Abortos durante el segundo trimestre

Durante el segundo trimestre (entre las 13 y 22 semanas de gestación), el aborto puede realizarse con un método quirúrgico conocido como dilatación y extracción*.

Dilatación y extracción

La mayoría de los abortos en el segundo trimestre se realizan mediante dilatación y extracción (DyE). Este procedimiento quirúrgico suele realizarse en un hospital o centro quirúrgico.

Antes de realizar este procedimiento, el doctor debe preparar el cuello uterino. Este proceso reblandece y abre el cuello uterino, y puede requerir varias consultas.

El reblandecimiento y la apertura del cuello uterino previos a la DyE ayudan a reducir el riesgo de desgarros o laceraciones.

La mayoría de las mujeres experimentan algo de dolor a consecuencia de este procedimiento. Antes del procedimiento, le pueden dar medicamentos para el dolor, un sedante o ambos. Para realizar el procedimiento, pueden inyectarle o aplicar anestesia local o regional en la zona del cuello uterino. También pueden administrarle anestesia general para dormirla durante el procedimiento. Su doctor le hablará acerca de sus opciones y de cualquier riesgo asociado a la anestesia.

Al comienzo del procedimiento, el doctor se asegurará de que el cuello uterino esté abierto. El líquido que envuelve al bebé (líquido amniótico) se extraerá con un aparato de succión que se coloca dentro del útero. El bebé y la placenta se extraen del útero usando instrumentos quirúrgicos. Por último, se insertará un aparato de succión en el útero al final del procedimiento para extraer cualquier resto de tejido fetal. Después de las 14 semanas de embarazo, podrán extraerse el bebé, la placenta y otros contenidos del útero en pedazos usando instrumentos quirúrgicos. Este procedimiento suele durar menos de una hora.

Entre los posibles riesgos o complicaciones de una DyE figuran[x]:

- En casos excepcionales, la muerte.
- Laceración cervical (desgarros o lesiones al cuello uterino).
- Hemorragias (sangrado excesivo) con la posibilidad de una histerectomía (extracción del útero) de emergencia para detener el sangrado.
- Perforación uterina (un agujero en el útero).
- Lesión al intestino o la vejiga, en caso de perforación del útero.
- Incisión abdominal y operación para corregir la lesión.
- Si no se logran extraer todas las partes del bebé y otros tejidos, incluida la placenta, podría ser necesario otro procedimiento.
- De haber complicaciones durante el procedimiento, podría aumentar el riesgo de infertilidad (la incapacidad de tener un bebé).
- Embolia (el desprendimiento de un coágulo de sangre o líquido amniótico, células fetales, vello fetal u otro tipo de materia en el torrente sanguíneo que provoca un bloqueo repentino del flujo de la sangre a los pulmones u otros órganos).

** Nota: La ley de Texas establece que no pueden realizarse abortos una vez que se han cumplido 20 semanas después de la fertilización, lo que equivale aproximadamente a 22 semanas o más de gestación, tal como se define la gestación en este folleto. La ley de Texas prevé algunas excepciones, como los casos en que la vida de la madre corre peligro, existe un riesgo considerable de daños irreversibles en una función corporal esencial (excluyendo los padecimientos psicológicos) o el feto presenta una anomalía grave.*

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El embarazo y el parto

Dar a luz es una experiencia transformadora, y cada parto conlleva experiencias y sentimientos diferentes. Aunque el embarazo y el parto suelen ser procesos seguros y naturales, puede haber complicaciones.

El embarazo y el parto están asociados a una serie de complicaciones. Las complicaciones más habituales del embarazo incluyen:

- Embarazo extrauterino o ectópico (cuando el bebé se desarrolla fuera del útero).
- Presión arterial alta.
- Complicaciones durante el parto.
- Parto prematuro.
- Depresión.
- Infecciones.
- Diabetes.
- Hemorragias (sangrado excesivo).

Usted puede reducir el riesgo de problemas o complicaciones en el embarazo si:

- Recibe atención prenatal en una etapa temprana y con regularidad.
- Lleva una dieta equilibrada y hacer ejercicio con regularidad.
- Evita consumir tabaco, alcohol, drogas o cualquier medicamento que no le haya sido recetado.

Durante el parto, el útero se contrae y empuja al bebé para que nazca. El bebé puede nacer a través de la vagina de la mujer o mediante un procedimiento quirúrgico llamado cesárea.

Parto vaginal

Posibles riesgos y efectos secundarios:

- Lesiones a la vejiga o al recto.
- Una agujero (fístula) entre la vejiga y la vagina o el recto y la vagina.
- Hemorragias (sangrado excesivo).
- Infertilidad (la incapacidad de tener un bebé) debido a infecciones o complicaciones.
- El tratamiento de emergencia para cualquiera de los problemas anteriores, incluida la posibilidad de tratamiento con cirugía, con medicamentos o con transfusiones de sangre.
- La muerte (en raros casos: entre 2000 y 2006 se registraron 1.7 muertes hospitalarias por cada 100,000 partos vaginales)[xi].

Parto por cesárea

Posibles riesgos y efectos secundarios:

- Lesión a los intestinos o la vejiga.
- Infertilidad (la incapacidad de tener un bebé) debido a infecciones o complicaciones.
- Hemorragias (sangrado excesivo).
- Lesión al tubo (uréter) que conecta los riñones con la vejiga.
- La posibilidad de una histerectomía (la extracción del útero) debido a complicaciones o lesiones.
- Complicaciones derivadas de la anestesia, como problemas respiratorios, dolores de cabeza o reacciones a medicamentos.
- El tratamiento de emergencia para cualquiera de los problemas anteriores, incluidas la cirugía, la administración de medicamentos o las transfusiones de sangre.
- La muerte (en raros casos: entre 2000 y 2006, se registraron 12.7 muertes hospitalarias de la madre por cada 100,000 partos por cesárea[xi]).



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Síntomas después del parto

Sus sentimientos después del parto pueden ser los más intensos que haya experimentado en su vida: alegría y felicidad intensas y repentinas, sentimientos de satisfacción y plenitud. No es raro que las mujeres también sientan miedo, preocupación o tristeza. Puede que después del nacimiento del bebé la mujer experimente depresión, y muchas madres la sufren en distintos grados. Aunque la depresión puede aparecer días después del parto, también lo hace de forma gradual, y a veces no comienza hasta un año después del nacimiento de su hijo.

En la mayoría de los casos, las madres experimentan síntomas leves que duran tan solo unos días. Sin embargo, en algunas madres los síntomas pueden ser graves, como sentimientos de inutilidad y desesperanza y la pérdida de memoria.

En ciertas circunstancias, a usted le podrían diagnosticar depresión posparto. La depresión posparto puede manifestarse hasta 1 año después del parto, aunque suele aparecer durante el embarazo (el 50 por ciento de las veces) y entre 1 y 3 semanas después del nacimiento del niño. La depresión posparto se caracteriza por intensos sentimientos de tristeza, ansiedad o desesperación que impiden a la nueva madre funcionar con normalidad a diario.

En raros casos, usted quizás tema lastimarse o lastimar a su bebé. Si es así, llame a su doctor inmediatamente y hable con él sobre estos síntomas. Si su doctor no está disponible, llame al 9-1-1. Los doctores pueden brindarle ayuda y apoyo profesional para superar estos momentos.

Es más probable que las mujeres que han tenido problemas de salud mental en el pasado vuelvan a tenerlos después de dar a luz. Estas mujeres pueden necesitar más ayuda de lo normal.

Si tiene alguna duda o pregunta, hable con su doctor u otro proveedor de atención médica.



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Después del aborto

Llame al centro o al doctor que realizó el aborto o vaya a la sala de emergencias si:

- Sangra excesivamente (usa dos o más toallas higiénicas gruesas por hora durante dos horas consecutivas) o le preocupa cuánto está sangrando.
- Siente dolor o malestar estomacal o se siente enferma (por ejemplo, se siente débil o tiene dolor de estómago, náuseas, vómitos o diarrea), con o sin fiebre, durante más de 24 horas después de tomar misoprostol para tener un aborto farmacológico.
- Tiene fiebre (más de 100.4 grados Fahrenheit o 38 grados centígrados).
- Tiene dificultades para respirar o le falta el aliento.
- Siente dolor en el pecho.
- El dolor es intenso o no se puede controlar con medicamentos para el dolor.
- Está desorientada.

Su doctor programará una o más citas de seguimiento, la primera de ellas normalmente dos o tres semanas después del procedimiento. Su doctor debe programar una cita de seguimiento en los 14 días siguientes a un aborto farmacológico. Es importante que acuda a todas sus citas.

También debería pensar en buscar terapia si está deprimida, tiene pensamientos suicidas o siente algún otro tipo de angustia psicológica después de haber tenido un aborto.

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Introduction

You are pregnant and want to know everything you can about the options you have. You have a right to know the truth. This booklet provides important information about the baby that is growing in your womb and the resources available to you during and after your pregnancy. You need good information in order to make important decisions about your pregnancy and your life. You have the right to make these decisions freely. No one else should make them for you.

No one can force you to have an abortion, not even your parents or the father of your baby. If you are feeling pressure (also called coercion) from someone to have an abortion, you have options. Talk to your doctor, counselor or spiritual adviser about your feelings, and ask for a phone to call **9-1-1** for immediate help.

If you are a victim of human trafficking (that is, if you are forced to provide labor or have sex for money), call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Hotline at 888-373-7888**.

If you are reading this because you are already considering an abortion, the doctor who agrees to perform the abortion must first perform a sonogram, allow you to see your baby, describe the features that can be seen and have you listen to the heartbeat if it can be heard. The doctor must wait at least 24 hours before performing the abortion so that you can consider all the facts and make this important decision freely. Only you have the right to decide what to do.

You and your doctor should talk openly and privately. You have the right to ask questions and know as much as you can. The best way for you to understand these risks is to share your health history with your doctor and discuss the risk of each option in light of your personal health history and needs. Some things you should discuss with your doctor include:

- Your personal health history.
- How long you have been pregnant.
- The medical risks of having an abortion.
- The alternatives to abortion, including adoption.
- The medical risks of carrying a pregnancy to term.
- The many public and private agencies that will help new mothers through pregnancy, childbirth and motherhood, including nearby adoption agencies and free sonogram services, which provide pictures of the baby in your womb.
- Money and other types of support available to new mothers.

Take whatever time you need to read this booklet and talk to other people you trust. You might speak with a family member, a spiritual or professional counselor, a close friend, your spouse, your partner or the father of the baby. You deserve the advice and support of those you trust, and you are strongly urged to ask for their advice and guidance before you make decisions that affect your pregnancy. You will need the support of those closest to you, whatever you decide. The decisions you make about your pregnancy are very important — you have the right to make them based upon your values, your beliefs and your health care needs.

You can view additional materials online at www.dshs.texas.gov/wrtk.* This website is secure. No one from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will collect or record any information about you.

If you are under 18 years old, Texas law requires a doctor to notify your parent or guardian before you can have an abortion. In most cases, the parent or guardian must give consent unless a waiver is given. If you are a minor, ask the doctor or facility for the booklet, *So You're Pregnant, Now What?*, which discusses this part of the law. This booklet is available at www.dshs.texas.gov/adolescent/resources.shtm.

If your rights as explained in this booklet are not being protected or you notice illegal or unsanitary facility conditions, you may call or email your complaint here:
888-973-0022 or hfc.complaints@dshs.texas.gov.

Note:* A Woman's Right to Know: Resource Directory *(www.dshs.texas.gov/wrtk)*** *lists information on certain programs and services that can be provided to women during pregnancy, childbirth and as the child is growing up. The booklet contains names, addresses and telephone numbers of these programs. The Resource Directory also has information about public and private adoption agencies.*

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Your baby's development

Fetal Pain

Newborn babies are able to feel pain. We know that babies develop the ability to feel pain while in the womb. In consideration of the potential for fetal pain, Texas law currently limits abortion to under 20 weeks.[i]

The next section shows the changes seen as a baby develops inside the mother's body during pregnancy.[ii] This period is called gestation and can be measured in two ways, both of which are noted in the following pages:

- The number of weeks since the start of the last normal menstrual cycle (weeks of gestation).
- The number of weeks since the estimated date of conception, around two weeks after the start of the last normal menstrual cycle.

Usually, your baby's due date is estimated to be 40 weeks after the start of your last normal menstrual cycle.

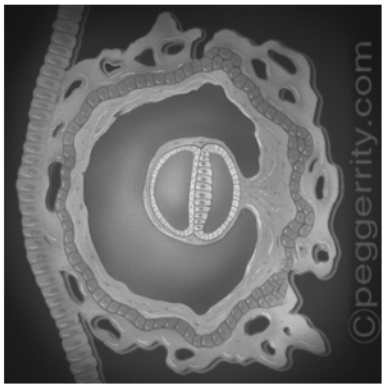
Conception

Your baby began developing at the moment of conception — when your unfertilized egg cell (ovum) met and fused with the sperm cell of the baby's father. At that moment, your ovum provided half of the baby's genes (the inherited genetic material passed through DNA) and the father's sperm cell provided the other half. Once combined together, this material provided all of the genetic information needed to complete your baby's development in your womb. In a full-term pregnancy, the cycle of development begins with the fertilized egg and is complete about 38 weeks later when the baby is ready to be born.

These illustrations show the changes taking place as the baby develops from the moment of conception onward.

4 Weeks of Gestation *(2 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby is scientifically referred to as an embryo.
- The cells that will become vital organs, such as the future heart and brain, are developing.
- The blood vessels begin to form.
- Your baby's weight is less than 1 ounce and length is less than 1/8 inch.



6 Weeks of Gestation *(4 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby's heart begins to form. The heart starts to beat.
- The brain and the spinal cord begin to form.
- The lungs, liver, stomach and other major organs begin to form.
- The arm and leg buds (the structures that will become the limbs) are present.
- The eyes and ears begin to form.
- Your baby is less than 1/4 inch long.



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8 Weeks of Gestation *(6 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby's developing heart beats with a regular rhythm.
- Facial features — the eyes, nose, lips and tongue — start to form.
- All essential organs have begun to form.
- The spinal nerves begin to develop.
- The brain continues to develop.
- The arms and legs grow longer.
- The fingers and toes are developing.
- Sex organs are beginning to form.
- Your baby is 1/2 inch long.

10 Weeks of Gestation *(8 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby has his or her first spontaneous movements (movements that happen on their own).
- Elbows are formed, and fingernails appear.
- The eyelids are more developed.
- The external ears begin to take final shape.
- Facial features continue to develop.
- Cells that sense touch begin to form.
- The nerves that will control your baby's organs are formed.
- Activity in your baby's brain can be recorded.
- After the end of this week, the baby is scientifically referred to as a fetus.
- Your baby is about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ inches from head to bottom.

12 Weeks of Gestation *(10 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby moves, but you cannot feel the movements.
- All the body parts and organs are present and growing.
- The heartbeat can be heard with electronic devices.
- The body grows rapidly.
- The body grows longer, and the neck lengthens.
- The eyelids close and will not reopen until about the 28th week.
- Fingernails appear.
- Teeth buds begin to form.
- Your baby weighs about half an ounce and is about 2 1/2 inches long from head to bottom.

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14 Weeks of Gestation *(12 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby's taste buds are developing.
- The arms and legs begin to move.
- Hiccup movements are present.
- The external sex organs are developed and are clearly either male or female.
- Your baby can respond to skin contact.
- Your baby is about 3½ inches long from head to bottom and weighs about 1½ ounces.

16 Weeks of Gestation *(14 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby's swallowing and chest movements are clearly present.
- The mouth makes sucking motions.
- Hand-to-face movements are common.
- The eyes are beginning to move.
- Your baby is about 4¾ inches long from head to bottom and weighs less than 4 ounces.

18 Weeks of Gestation *(16 weeks after conception)*



- You may feel the movements of your baby's arms and legs.
- The kidneys are functioning and make urine.
- Taste buds are present.
- The skin is wrinkled.
- Features further develop — eyelids, ear and upper lip.
- Your baby is about 5½ inches long from head to bottom and weighs about 7 ounces.

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20 Weeks of Gestation *(18 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby is more active, moves about every minute, and you can feel the movements.
- Breathing-like movements become regular and can be seen by ultrasound.
- The structures of the ears are well-developed. Your baby can hear and respond to a growing range of sounds.
- Hair begins to grow on the head.
- All skin layers and structures are present, including hair follicles and glands.
- Your baby can swallow at the end of this week.
- Ovaries containing eggs are present in females and testes begin to descend in males.
- Meconium (a greenish mixture of swallowed cells and secretions) begins to form in the intestinal tract. This will be your baby's first bowel movement.
- Your baby weighs about 11 ounces and is about 6 inches from head to bottom.

22 Weeks of Gestation *(20 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby sleeps and wakes regularly. Your baby can be awakened from sleep by noises and your movements.
- The eyelids and eyebrows are formed.
- The vocal cords are developing.
- The nervous system continues to develop.
- Movements become more coordinated.
- The heartbeat can be heard with a stethoscope.
- The body is covered with fine hair called lanugo.
- Your baby weighs about 1 pound and is about 7 to 7 ½ inches in length from head to bottom.

24 Weeks of Gestation *(22 weeks after conception)*



- Your baby will blink and startle (pull in arms and legs) if stimulated.
- Skin is wrinkled and red.
- The senses of smell and taste are developed.
- A baby born at this time will attempt to breathe, but the lungs are not fully developed.
- Your baby weighs about 1.4 pounds and is about 8 inches from head to bottom.

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26 Weeks of Gestation *(24 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby's developing lungs are now fully formed but are not yet ready to function outside the womb.
- The lines on the skin of the fingers (future fingerprints), toes, palms of the hands and soles of the feet are now formed.
- Your baby weighs about 1.8 pounds and is about 9 inches from head to bottom.



28 Weeks of Gestation *(26 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby's brain and nervous system are formed and continue to develop.
- The lungs and digestive system are formed and continue to develop.
- The eyes are partially open, and eyelashes are present.
- Your baby weighs about 2.2 pounds and is almost 10 inches from head to bottom.



30 Weeks of Gestation *(28 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby kicks and stretches.
- Your baby makes grasping motions and responds to sound.
- The nervous system controls some body functions.
- Your baby weighs about 2.9 pounds and is more than 10 ½ inches from head to bottom.



32 Weeks of Gestation *(30 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby gains weight, and the body fills out.
- Toenails and fingernails are growing.
- The pupils will react to light.
- Your baby weighs about 4 pounds and is almost 11 inches from head to bottom.



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34 Weeks of Gestation *(32 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby is active (moving) 60 percent or more of the time.
- Bones harden, but the skull remains soft and flexible for delivery.
- Your baby has rhythmic breathing movements, and the lungs continue to develop.
- Your baby weighs about 4.6 pounds and is almost 12 inches from head to bottom.



36 Weeks of Gestation *(34 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby rapidly gains weight in preparation for birth.
- The body and face fill out; the skin no longer appears wrinkled.
- The fingernails reach the ends of the fingertips.
- Large amounts of immune factors (substances in the blood that protect against disease or infection) are passed from you to your baby during the last four gestational weeks.
- Your baby weighs about 5.5 pounds and is about 12 ½ inches from head to bottom.



38 Weeks of Gestation *(36 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby's lungs and brain are developing rapidly.
- Your baby can grasp firmly.
- Your baby weighs about 6.4 pounds and is about 13 1/3 inches from head to bottom.



40 Weeks of Gestation *(38 weeks after conception)*

- Your baby is fully developed and considered full-term.
- The brain and nervous system will continue to develop after birth.
- Your baby's toenails have reached the tips of the toes.
- Small breast buds are present.
- The fingernails extend beyond fingertips.
- Your baby weighs about 7.5 pounds and is about 14 inches from head to bottom.



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Abortion risks

This section describes the risks associated with an abortion. The risks of having an abortion can vary depending on several factors.

Death

You have a greater risk of dying from the abortion procedure and having serious complications the further along you are in your pregnancy. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently reported 0.73 legal abortion-related deaths per 100,000 reported legal abortions in the United States from 2008-2011.[iii] Studies of other highly developed countries have shown a higher mortality rate from legal abortion.[iv]

Physical Risks

Additionally, abortion could result in physical side effects, with different levels of severity. A woman will usually have cramping and vaginal bleeding after any type of abortion procedure. Other symptoms or side effects include nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting, diarrhea, warmth or chills, headache, dizziness and fatigue (feeling very tired).

Abortions and miscarriages (also called spontaneous abortions) can result in complications such as injuries to the internal organs, blood clots or serious infections. These will be listed in detail for each type of abortion later in this booklet.

Mental Health Risks

Women report a range of emotions after an abortion. This can include depression or thoughts of suicide. Some women, after their abortion, have also reported feelings of grief, anxiety, lowered self-esteem, regret, sexual dysfunction, avoidance of emotional attachment, flashbacks and substance abuse. For some women, these emotions may appear immediately after an abortion or gradually over a longer period of time.



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These feelings may recur or be felt more strongly at the time of another abortion, a normal birth or on the anniversary of the abortion. It is important to talk to your doctor if you experience these feelings.

Women with a history of mental health problems are more likely to have mental health problems following an abortion. These women may need additional support.

Counseling or support before you make a decision to have an abortion is very important. If family help and support are not available to you, talking with a spiritual or professional counselor before having an abortion can help you better understand your decision. Many pregnancy resource centers can provide counsel to you. These centers are listed in the resource directory.

Future Infertility

The further along you are in your pregnancy, the greater the chance of serious complications that can cause you to be infertile and the greater the risk of dying from the abortion procedure. Some complications associated with an abortion, such as an infection, a cut or a torn cervix, may make it difficult or impossible to become pregnant in the future or to carry a pregnancy to term.

Breast Cancer Risk[v]

Your pregnancy history affects your chances of getting breast cancer. If you give birth to your baby, you are less likely to develop breast cancer in the future. Research indicates that having an abortion will not provide you this increased protection against breast cancer. In addition, doctors and scientists are actively studying the complex biology of breast cancer to understand whether abortion may affect the risk of breast cancer. If you have a family history of breast cancer or breast disease, ask your doctor how your pregnancy will affect your risk of breast cancer.

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Making an informed decision

You need to know as much as you can about your options in order to make an informed decision. Each option has possible risks and benefits. There are counseling services available to help you fully understand your options and make your decision.

Before an Abortion

You should ask your doctor about any risks you might face. It is your right and your doctor's responsibility to make sure you are informed before deciding to have an abortion. Here are some things the doctor should talk to you about:

- You will find out for sure if you are pregnant and how long you have been pregnant. Your doctor will also do a pelvic exam.
- Your doctor will evaluate your health and discuss medical risks of having an abortion. You will have a physical exam, be asked about your medical history and have lab tests done. The doctor will answer any questions you might have.
- Your doctor will describe the baby growing in your womb to you and give you a list of agencies that offer alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and the names of agencies and private counseling organizations that provide sonogram services (images of the baby in the womb or ultrasound). Some organizations provide sonograms for free.

If you decide to have an abortion:

- At least 24 hours before an abortion is performed, the doctor will give you an sonogram and tell you what you are seeing, including the size of your baby and any heartbeat, limbs and internal organs. The doctor is required to show you the sonogram picture while it is being performed. You may choose not to view these images of your baby. You have the right to view your sonogram at any time.
- If you are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must be notified and agree to the abortion, or you will have to ask a judge to waive that notification and consent requirement.
- The doctor performing the abortion must provide you with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) *A Woman's Right to Know* printed materials and let you know that the materials are available on the DSHS website. You will have at least a full day to read the information your doctor gives you before the appointment for your abortion. You must sign a written consent for that abortion.
- Your doctor must provide you with a telephone number that you can call 24 hours a day to talk with the doctor or other healthcare personnel about any complications or questions related to the abortion and the name and telephone number of the hospital that is closest to your home where you could be treated in the case of an abortion-related emergency.
- Your doctor may offer you a medical abortion, which is a medication given to cause an abortion. If a medical abortion is performed, your doctor must provide you with a copy of the final printed label of any abortion-inducing drugs used in the procedure.



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Medical and Social Assistance

Your doctor must give you certain important information before the abortion can be done, including:

- Medical assistance benefits that can help with prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care.
- The legal responsibilities of the baby's father in helping to support your child if you decide to stay pregnant and keep the baby. The law says he must help even if he offered to pay for an abortion.
- Public and private agencies that can help you if you were raped or a victim of incest.
- Public and private agencies that can give you information about preventing pregnancies and medical referrals for birth control methods.

You should know that if you choose to have your baby and find yourself weighed down by the job of being a parent, Texas has the "Baby Moses/Safe Haven" law. The law allows you or the baby's father to leave a baby who appears to be under 60 days old in the care of a designated emergency care provider such as an emergency medical services station, fire station, licensed child-placing agency or any hospital. You do not have to return for the baby, and you will not be charged with a crime if the baby is unharmed.

Child Support Services

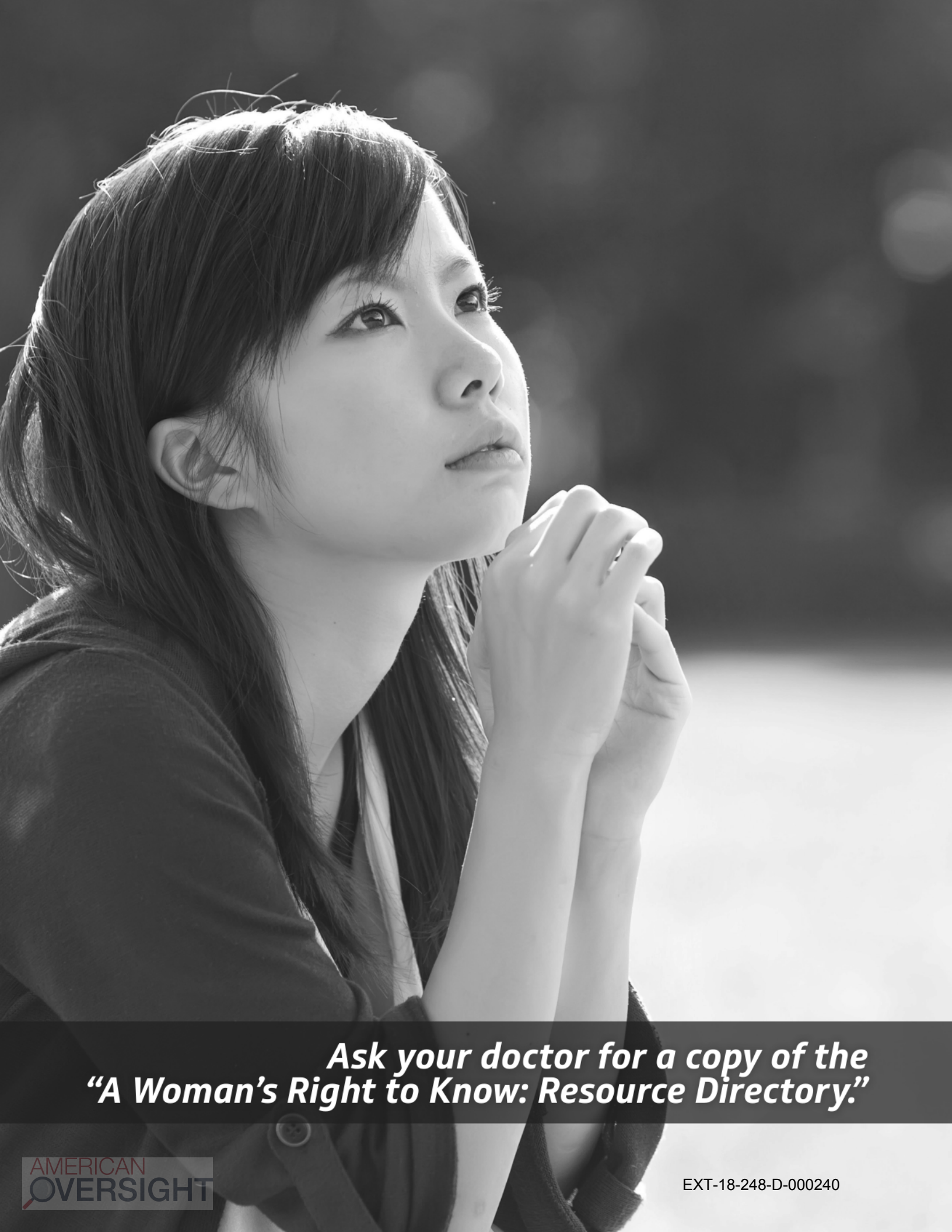
Assistance in Obtaining Child Support

Your child's father is legally required to pay to support the child, and the Texas Office of the Attorney General can assist you in obtaining this support. The Attorney General's Child Support Division can help locate missing fathers, legally prove who the father is, initiate child support orders and collect child support payments. Texas is the top-performing state in terms of ensuring parents pay what they owe, with more than $3.9 billion disbursed to families in 2015 alone. Texas has a high collection success rate: 65.2 percent of all child support amounts due are collected. If you need services, call 800-252-8014 or visit ***www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs***. If you are a survivor of family violence, there are steps you can take to pursue child support safely.

For more information, visit ***www.getchildsupportsafely.org***.



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Adoption Services

Another option to consider is adoption. Adoption means you, as the birth parent, are voluntarily transferring your rights as the parent of your baby to another family. Choosing adoption means you want your baby to have a good life, but right now may not be the best time for you to be a parent.

Adoption is a brave, loving choice for your baby. When you place your baby for adoption, you are placing him or her with loving parents who can raise your baby to have the good life that you want for your baby.

There are many resources available to help you decide whether adoption is the right choice for you and your baby. Each adoption is different, and help is available to make sure that the adoption process fits you and your baby's needs.

If you choose adoption, you may be able to select and meet the family who will adopt your baby. There are two different types of adoptions that you can choose for your baby. An open adoption allows you to stay in contact with your baby as he or she grows up, perhaps through pictures, phone calls or visits. A closed adoption means there will be no contact between you and the family adopting your baby once the adoption is finalized. What type of adoption you want is entirely up to you.

Talk with a family member, a spiritual or professional counselor, or a close friend to seek their advice on adoption. Since adoption is a big decision, you may want the support of those you trust when making this decision.

It is never too late to choose adoption for your baby. You can make this choice anytime during your pregnancy or even after your baby has been born.

You can find more information about adoption and organizations that offer adoption services at ***www.dfps.state.tx.us/Adoption_and_Foster_Care/About_Adoption/***.



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Abortion procedures and side effects

The types of abortion procedures include medical abortions and surgical abortions. A woman will usually have cramping and vaginal bleeding after any type of abortion procedure. There are other symptoms or side effects that may occur with any type of abortion procedure. These can include nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting, diarrhea, warmth or chills, headache, dizziness and fatigue (feeling very tired). Also, other serious complications sometimes arise. This section will also discuss the risk of complications for each of the methods.

First Trimester Abortions

During the first trimester (through 13 weeks of gestation) an abortion can be performed through medicine or surgery.

Medical (Nonsurgical) Abortion

Medical abortion uses medicine to end a pregnancy instead of surgery and is used early in pregnancy —70 days (10 weeks) or less from the first day of your last menstrual period. This method requires several visits to your doctor. The medicines used for a medical abortion cause bleeding, cramping and passing of the fetus and other tissue. In some cases, excessive bleeding may require blood transfusions, treatment with medication, surgery or saline transfusions. Severe infection is a known risk following a medical abortion.

Possible complications or risks of a medical abortion using mifepristone and misoprostol pills:[vi]

- Less than 3 percent of procedures will not work and will result in a surgical procedure to end the pregnancy or complete the abortion.
- More than 15 of every 100 women with a medical abortion will experience nausea, weakness, fever/chills, vomiting, headache, diarrhea or dizziness.
- About 3 to 5 of every 100 procedures results in a visit to the emergency room.
- In up to 6 of every 1,000 procedures, hospitalization related to medical abortion will be required.
- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding) may occur.
- In about every 4 of 100 procedures, medications are needed to control bleeding.
- About 1 of every 100 procedures will require a surgical procedure to stop bleeding and to remove parts of the baby and the placenta.
- In up to 5 of every 1,000 procedures, blood transfusions will be administered.
- Failure to remove all parts of the baby and other tissue, including the placenta, may require a follow-up surgical procedure.
- Increased risk of infertility (the inability to have a baby) may result if complications occur with the procedure.
- In 2 of every 1,000 procedures, serious bacterial infections have been reported. Rarely, severe infection after a medical abortion has resulted in death.



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Who should not have a medical abortion?

Some women should not have a medical abortion. Some reasons a medical abortion would not be done include:

- It has been more than 70 days (10 weeks) since the first day of your last menstrual period.
- You are allergic to one of the medications to be used.
- You have or might have a tubal or ectopic pregnancy (where the baby grows outside of the uterus).
- You have an intrauterine contraceptive device (IUD). The IUD must be taken out before a doctor can give you the medicine.
- You have been taking certain types of medicines, like blood thinners or certain steroids.
- You have a particular medical condition, like uncontrolled seizures or a bleeding disorder.
- You have problems with your adrenal glands (chronic adrenal failure).
- You cannot get to all of the visits needed to get the medicines to complete the abortion or cannot get to the checkup(s) needed after the abortion.
- You cannot get to emergency care if needed in the two weeks after taking the medicines.

You should discuss with your doctor whether you have any medical conditions or other problems that would make a medical abortion unsafe for you.

When having a medical abortion, your doctor will give you mifepristone (formerly called RU 486 and now often referred to by the brand name Mifeprex®) during an office visit. It is taken by mouth. After receiving mifepristone, you will have vaginal bleeding and pass clots and fetal tissue. Bleeding usually lasts 9 to 16 days and may last up to 30 days. Your doctor will make an appointment for two days after you take mifepristone. If the medical abortion is not complete, you will be given a second drug, misoprostol. Misoprostol may cause cramps, nausea, diarrhea and other symptoms. Your doctor may send you home with medicine for these symptoms.

Your doctor will make a follow-up appointment for you within 14 days of the day you take the medication. Your doctor will check your health for any symptoms you may be experiencing, as well as whether your pregnancy has completely ended. Make sure to discuss any physical and emotional symptoms you are experiencing with your doctor. Before your follow-up appointment, you may need to seek immediate medical attention if you experience severe symptoms.



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First Trimester Abortions (cont.)

Suction Curettage (Surgical Abortion)

The most common type of abortion is the suction curettage, sometimes called a dilation and curettage, or vacuum curettage.

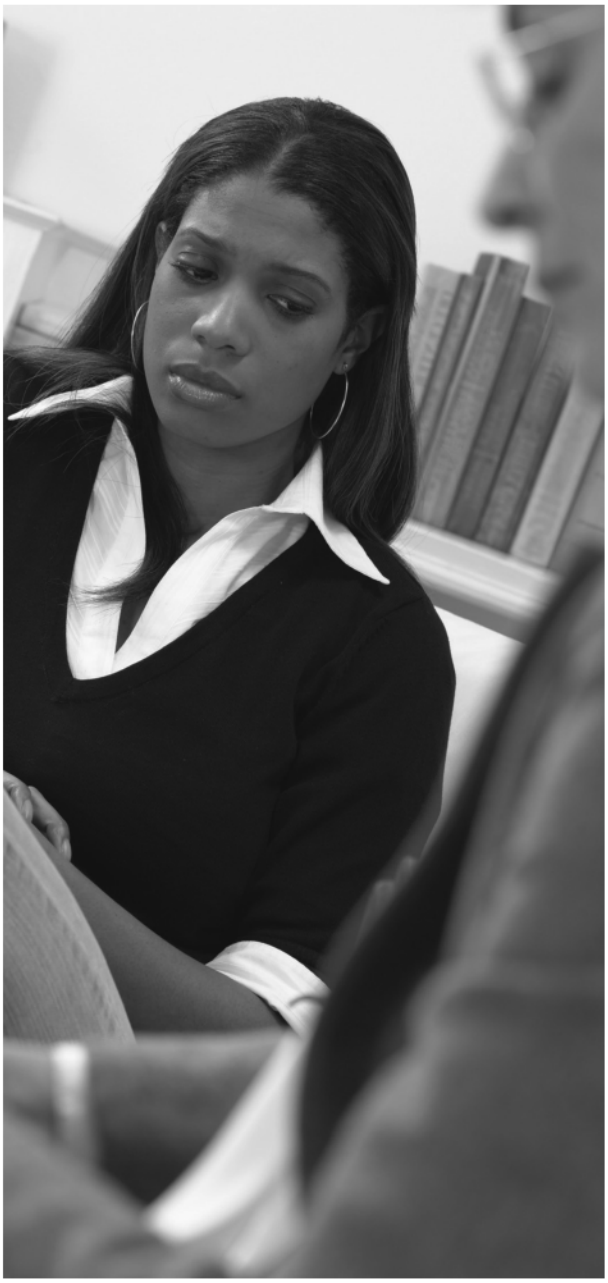
Most women will have some pain with this procedure. Before the procedure, you may be given pain medication, a sedative or both. For the procedure, you may receive local anesthesia injected or applied in the area of the cervix. You may also receive general anesthesia that will put you to sleep so that you do not feel pain during the procedure.

The doctor inserts a speculum to hold open the vagina, as is done for a pelvic exam, and injects or applies local anesthesia. The cervix is stretched open. Then the contents of the uterus, including the baby and placenta, are removed using a suction device that is inserted into the uterus.

The procedure usually takes 10 to 15 minutes, but can take longer depending upon the growth stage of the baby.

Possible complications or risks of suction curettage include:[vii]

- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding) with possible emergency hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) to end the bleeding
- Perforation of the uterus (a hole in the uterus)
- Injury to the bowel or bladder, if there is a perforation of the uterus
- Abdominal incision and operation to correct injury
- Failure to remove all parts of the baby and other tissue, including the placenta, which may require another procedure (occurs in fewer than 5 per 100 procedures, or less than 5 percent)[viii]
- Increased risk of infertility (the inability to have a baby), if complications occur with the procedure
- Infection, which is usually caused by an infection the woman already had at the time of the abortion



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Second Trimester Abortions

During the second trimester (between 13 weeks of gestation and 22 weeks of gestation) an abortion can be performed by a surgical method known as dilation and evacuation.*

Dilation and Evacuation

Most second trimester abortions are done by dilation and evacuation (D&E). This surgical procedure is usually performed in a surgical center or hospital.

Before this procedure, the doctor will prepare the cervix. This process softens and stretches open the cervix and may require one or more visits.

The softening and opening of the cervix before performing the D&E helps decrease the risk of tears or lacerations to the cervix.

Most women will experience some pain with this procedure. Before the procedure you may be given pain medicine, a sedative or both. For the procedure, you may receive local or regional anesthesia injected or applied in the area of the cervix. You may also receive general anesthesia that will put you to sleep during the procedure. Your doctor will discuss your options, and any risks, for anesthesia.

At the beginning of the procedure, the doctor will make sure that the cervix is open. The fluid surrounding the baby (amniotic fluid) will be removed with a suction device placed into the uterus. The baby and placenta are removed from the uterus using surgical instruments. Finally, a suction device will be inserted into the uterus at the end of the procedure to remove any fetal tissue that remains. After 14 weeks of pregnancy, the baby, placenta and other contents of the womb may be removed piece by piece using surgical instruments. This procedure usually takes less than one hour.

Possible complications or risks of a D&E include:[x]

- Death, in rare cases
- Cervical laceration (tears or injury to the cervix)
- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding) with possible emergency hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) to end the bleeding
- Perforation of the uterus (a hole in the uterus)
- Injury to the bowel or bladder, if there is a perforation of the uterus
- Abdominal incision and operation to correct injury
- Failure to remove all parts of the baby and other tissue, including the placenta, which may require another procedure
- Increased risk of infertility (the inability to have a baby), if complications occur with the procedure
- Embolism (a loose blood clot or amniotic fluid, fetal cells, fetal hair or other matter in the bloodstream that causes sudden blockage of blood flow to the lungs or other organ)

** Note: Texas law states that abortion may not be performed after the post-fertilization age of 20 weeks or more, which is approximately 22 weeks or more of gestation, as gestation is defined in this booklet. Texas law allows for exceptions when the life of the mother is threatened, serious risk exists of irreversible impairment of a major bodily function (other than a psychological condition) or a severe fetal abnormality is present.*

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Pregnancy and childbirth

Birth is a life-changing experience, and each birth brings a new and different set of experiences and feelings. Pregnancy and birth is usually a safe and natural process, although complications can occur.

There are complications associated with pregnancy and childbirth. The most common complications of pregnancy include:

- Tubal or ectopic pregnancy (where the baby grows outside of the uterus)
- High blood pressure
- Complicated delivery
- Premature labor
- Depression
- Infection
- Diabetes
- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding)

You can reduce the risk for problems or complications in any pregnancy by:

- Getting early and regular prenatal care.
- Eating a well-balanced diet and getting regular exercise.
- Avoiding tobacco, alcohol or drugs that your doctor hasn't prescribed for you.

During labor, the uterus contracts and pushes to deliver the baby. The baby may be delivered through the woman's vagina or by a surgical procedure called cesarean section or c-section.

Vaginal Delivery

Possible side effects and risks:

- Injury to the bladder or rectum
- A hole (fistula) between the bladder and vagina or the rectum and vagina
- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding)
- Infertility (the inability to have a baby) due to infection or complications
- Emergency treatment for any of the above problems, including the possible need to treat with an operation, medicine or blood transfusions
- Death (very rare — 1.7 in-hospital deaths occurring after delivery per 100,000 vaginal deliveries during 2000-2006[xi])

Cesarean Birth

Possible side effects and risks:

- Injury to the bowel or bladder
- Infertility (the inability to have a baby) due to infection or complications
- Hemorrhaging (heavy bleeding)
- Injury to the tube (ureter) between the kidney and bladder
- A possible hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) due to complications or injuries
- Complications from anesthesia such as respiratory problems, headaches or drug reactions
- Emergency treatment for any of the above problems, including the possible need to treat with an operation, medicine or blood transfusions
- Death (very rare —12.7 in-hospital maternal deaths per 100,000 cesarean deliveries occurring during 2000-2006 [xi])



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Postpartum Symptoms

The feelings you experience after birth may be the most intense you have ever encountered: great surges of joy and happiness, feelings of contentment and fulfillment. It is not uncommon for women to also experience fears, worries or sadness. Depression can occur after the birth of a baby, and many new mothers experience various degrees of it. While depression can occur within days after delivery, it can also appear gradually, and sometimes it doesn't start until a year after your baby's birth.

In most cases, mothers have mild symptoms that may last only a few days. However, some mothers experience severe symptoms that can include exhaustion, feelings such as worthlessness or hopelessness, and memory loss.

In some circumstances, you may be diagnosed with postpartum depression (PPD). PPD can occur up to 1 year after delivery but is typically apparent during pregnancy (50 percent of the time) and about 1–3 weeks after childbirth. PPD is characterized by intense feelings of sadness, anxiety or despair that prevents the new mother from being able function normally on a daily basis.

In rare circumstances you may have a fear of harming yourself or your baby. You should call your doctor right away and discuss these symptoms. If your doctor is not available, call 9-1-1. Doctors can give you professional help and support during this time.

Women with a history of mental health problems are more likely to have mental health problems following birth. These women may need additional support.

If you have questions or concerns, be sure to talk with your doctor or other health care provider.



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After an abortion

Call the facility or doctor that performed the abortion, or go to the emergency room if:

- Heavy bleeding occurs (two or more thick pads per hour for two hours in a row) or if you are concerned about heavy bleeding.
- You have stomach pain or discomfort, or feel sick (such as feeling weak or having an upset stomach, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea), with or without fever, for more than 24 hours after taking misoprostol for a medical abortion.
- You have a fever (higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius).
- You have difficulty breathing or have shortness of breath.
- You have chest pain.
- Pain is severe or not controlled by pain medication.
- You are disoriented.

Your doctor will schedule one or more follow-up visits, usually beginning within two to three weeks after the procedure. Your doctor must schedule a follow-up visit within 14 days of a medical abortion. It is important that you keep all of your appointments.

You should also consider seeking counseling if you are experiencing depression, thoughts of suicide or other psychological distress following your abortion.

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Privileged—legal advice

Matt, please advise as to legal issues:

Jessica,

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(b)(5)

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: Update on pregnant UAC? - Request for Additional Information

Scott,

FYSA, latest update on the currently pregnant UAC at IES LF facility.

From: Brooks, Teresa (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF)
Subject: Fwd: Update on pregnant UAC? - Request for Additional Information

Please see the information in the correspondence below per your request.

Thank you,

Teresa

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From: "Jessica Martinez" <jessica.martinez@iestex.org>
Subject: RE: Update on pregnant UAC? - Request for Additional Information
Date: 31 October 2017 12:35
To: "Brooks, Teresa (ACF)" <Teresa.Brooks@ACF.hhs.gov>, "(b)(6) @iestex.org" <(b)(6) @iestex.org>
Cc: "(b)(6) @iestex.org>, "(b)(6) @iestex.org'" <(b)(6) @iestex.org>

Good Morning Teresa,

As discussed, I apologize for delay, I was at children's program earlier and had not seen your email request.

With regards to UAC voicing "TOP", her pregnancy has been confirmed by Dr. (b)(6) OB/GYN. UAC's initial OB/GYN appointment took place on 10/27, UAC verbally consented to entire medical exam, including sonogram and 1st trimester lab work. OB/GYN noted minor was approximately 9 weeks' gestation on 10/27/17. Following the completion of doctor's examination, UAC informed Dr. (b)(6) that she did not want a baby and openly informed Dr. (b)(6) she is seeking to terminate pregnancy. Dr. (b)(6) acknowledged UACs statement and responded that she should discuss her options further with care provider. UAC responded to Dr. (b)(6) that care provider was aware of her wishes, UAC was in the presence of Medical Coordinator and Dr. (b)(6) stated to Medical Coordinator that his office could provide information regarding local "options counseling" and other resources, program Medical Coordinator informed Dr. (b)(6) that program would elevate minor's request to appropriate officials and seek further guidance before discussing minor's request. Dr. (b)(6) stated he understood and reiterated that should minor undergo procedure he would be prepared to conduct follow-up with her after procedure. At no point in time during initial OB appointment were any "options" discussed with UAC, care provider staff and Dr. (b)(6) did not issue information or resources to UAC, instead care provider and doctor listened attentively and informed her that her request would be noted. UAC's next OB/GYN appointment in 11/21/17 at 9:00 a.m.

UAC disclosed pregnancy to her mother on 10/26, however she has not disclosed her request for "TOP". In addition, sponsor is not aware of pregnancy or UACs request for "TOP". At this time, minor has stated she is not willing to inform sponsor of pregnancy and we continue working with UAC with regards to sharing her request for "TOP" with her mother. UAC has requested to meet with ProBAR (legal service provider) follow up with legal service provider is pending.

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Please be advised at this time care provider has received an incomplete FRA from sponsor (unverified brother in law). Care provider has received UAC's birth certificate, UAC's adult sister (sponsor's wife) birth certificate and UAC's mother's birth certificate. In addition, UAC's mother has provided a notarized letter from home country authorizing sponsor to take care and take custody of UAC. However, sponsor has yet to provide a copy of his birth certificate and a copy of marriage certificate (to prove formal relationship with UAC). As previously reported, sponsor resides and works in Wendell, Idaho, the nearest fingerprint site is an 8 hour drive, however sponsor stated he would make the necessary arrangements to travel to site. Sponsor has not returned Authorization for Relapse of Information forms therefore fingerprint appointment has not been scheduled. Please also note that minor's adult sister and 1-year-old nephew remain in DHS custody. According to sponsor he has not had communication with his wife (UAC's sister). Sponsor also has reported he resides in a home with other adult household members, his brother, his brother's wife and their children. At this time sponsor has not reported any criminal history with the exception of an immigration arrest. Sponsor disclosed that he and his son (4 years old at the time) were apprehended approximately 3 years ago upon entering the U.S. without proper documents or inspection. According to sponsor he is attending immigration proceedings and he is without legal status. Sponsor reported he intends to comply with all immigration hearings. Please also note that UAC has denied a history of abuse, mistreatment or neglect, there is no known history of trauma and UAC has described her relationship with her mother as "positive".

Please advise if further information is needed or if there any further questions or concerns, thank you.

Jessica Martinez, MA, LCCA

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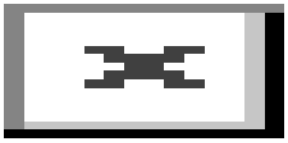
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Please see the information request below.

Please provide the information as requested as promptly as is possible.

Thank you!

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Teresa

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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Brooks, Teresa (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
Subject: Update on pregnant UAC?
Importance: High

Teresa/Jallyn,

Would you please update me on the latest in reunification progress for the UAC at IES LF who is currently pregnant and expresses interest in TOP? Appreciate latest on OBGYN appointment outcomes, discussion with her mother, and especially on reunification. If you could provide by 10AM Central time Tuesday would be very helpful.

Jonathan

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Jonathan,

Thank you. Two things:

1) (b)(5)

2) Please have the program / federal staff evaluate whether it has been made clear to her that support is readily available if she chooses to parent the child, or if she decides to offer the baby for adoption. Sometimes adoption is an option that is not well-developed, even in some pregnancy resource settings. If the clinician feels that there has been adequate treatment of these options, no follow up is necessary on that front.

3) Please

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: White, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Update on minor at SWK Campbell requesting TOP
Importance: High

Update on minor at SWK Campbell in Arizona who is requesting abortion to terminate pregnancy resulting from rape in home country:

- The minor is 16 years of age. She turned 16 on (b)(6) 17.

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- The minor is pregnant as a result of rape in home country by a group of unknown men. She reports being approached by unknown men in country of origin, who covered her mouth with a piece of cloth, and then then lost consciousness. She woke up later in an unknown location with her clothes off. She was 15 years old at the time of the rape. She denies having had other sexual experiences.

- The minor was evaluated by OB/GYN services on January 10, 2018, without concerns.

- Gestational development: Based on ultrasound conducted on January 10, the minor was then 10 weeks 1 day. Based on this measurement, gestational age is today **11 weeks 1 day**.

- ORR has not received any report that there is a medically indicated necessity for abortion for the life of the minor.

- The next routine medical appointment is scheduled in two weeks.

- On January 11, the minor attended options counseling at Choices Pregnancy Center (CPC), a crisis pregnancy center from the HHS approved list. The minor was provided with information and reported that her questions were all answered. The minor was provided with "appropriate drawings to color and with Bible verses," per the SIR.

- On January 16, a family session was conducted, disclosing to the minor's parents in home country her pregnancy and her decision to pursue TOP. The minor's clinician was involved. The minor requested that the notification not include the information that that the pregnancy was a result of rape.

- The minor spoke with a pastor from her faith tradition on January 15, 2018.

- On January 16, two family sessions were conducted, disclosing to the minor's parents in home country her pregnancy and her decision to pursue TOP. The minor's clinician was involved. A first family session was held with the minor, and the second session the minor asked not to participate. The minor requested that her parents not be informed that the pregnancy is a result of rape, but the family reported that their daughter may have been raped. The minor's father advised that the parents "agreed to end the pregnancy" and expressed that "if minor is requesting to end the pregnancy they supported her."

- The SIR addendum for the family notification explains: "**On 1/16/2018 at approximately 3:30 p.m., clinician** (b)(6) **completed a family session with minor and her father. Minor requested that clinician inform her parents she was pregnant and that she was requesting to end her pregnancy. Minor requested that**

  clinician not disclose how minor became pregnant. Furthermore, clinician informed minor's father that minor was pregnant and requesting

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to end the pregnancy. Minor's father was notified that minor was taken to the doctor and it was confirmed she is approximately 10 weeks

pregnant. Minor's father appeared calm and asked clinician if minor could be reunified with his older daughter. Minor's father requested

time to speak to his wife before making a decision on minor's request to end her pregnancy. On 1/16/2018 at approximately 5 p.m., clinician

(b)(6) completed a family session with minor's parents. Minor requested not to be present for the second family session.

Clinician spoke to minor's father who conveyed he had spoken to his wife and decided that they agreed to end the pregnancy. Clinician asked

minor's father to clarify what he agreed to. Minor's father stated he and his wife spoke and consider that minor may have been raped on her

way to school. Minor's father shared that in their home town if a woman is raped, the expectation is that she will marry the man that raped

her. Minor's father stated that he and his wife are not sure that the pregnancy was a result of minor's choices or of a rape. Minor stated that

if minor is requesting to end the pregnancy they supported her. Minor's father also shared that minor is young and still a child herself to be raising a child of her own. Minor's father appeared calm and was respectful as he shared the aforementioned."

- At this time the minor continues her request for TOP "due to the pregnancy being a result of sexual abuse."
- All steps outlined by the ORR Director have been completed. Parental notification has been conducted, in which the family expressed support for their daughter to receive the abortion. The minor has received options counseling from an approved provider. The minor has received spiritual counseling from a pastor of her faith group (evangelical Christian).
- Please advise next steps.

Jonathan

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Jonathan,

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2) Please have the program / federal staff evaluate whether the following information has been made adequately clear to the youth, and if not, ask that they offer her the option of receiving more information on these subjects, if they feel they can do so consistent with her mental well being:

   a. that support is readily available if she chooses to parent the child;

   b. that support is readily available if she decides to offer the baby for adoption, and that she has been given the opportunity to discuss adoption in depth if she chooses;

   c. that in some cases, women or minors who have had abortions have expressed regret from having done so, even when pregnancy is the result of sexual assault, and that if she chooses the program can provide for her some written examples of the personal testimony of such women.

From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: White, Laura (ACF)
Subject: Update on minor at SWK Campbell requesting TOP
Importance: High

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Update on minor at SWK Campbell in Arizona who is requesting abortion to terminate pregnancy resulting from rape in home country:

- The minor is 16 years of age. She turned 16 on (b)(6) /17.
- The minor is pregnant as a result of rape in home country by a group of unknown men. She reports being approached by unknown men in country of origin, who covered her mouth with a piece of cloth, and then then lost consciousness. She woke up later in an unknown location with her clothes off. She was 15 years old at the time of the rape. She denies having had other sexual experiences.
- The minor was evaluated by OB/GYN services on January 10, 2018, without concerns.
- Gestational development: Based on ultrasound conducted on January 10, the minor was then 10 weeks 1 day. Based on this measurement, gestational age is today **11 weeks 1 day**.
- ORR has not received any report that there is a medically indicated necessity for abortion for the life of the minor.
- The next routine medical appointment is scheduled in two weeks.
- On January 11, the minor attended options counseling at Choices Pregnancy Center (CPC), a crisis pregnancy center from the HHS approved list. The minor was provided with information and reported that her questions were all answered. The minor was provided with "appropriate drawings to color and with Bible verses," per the SIR.
- On January 16, a family session was conducted, disclosing to the minor's parents in home country her pregnancy and her decision to pursue TOP. The minor's clinician was involved. The minor requested that the notification not include the information that that the pregnancy was a result of rape.
- The minor spoke with a pastor from her faith tradition on January 15, 2018.
- On January 16, two family sessions were conducted, disclosing to the minor's parents in home country her pregnancy and her decision to pursue TOP. The minor's clinician was involved. A first family session was held with the minor, and the second session the minor asked not to participate. The minor requested that her parents not be informed that the pregnancy is a result of rape, but the family reported that their daughter may have been raped. The minor's father advised that the parents "agreed to end the pregnancy" and expressed that "if minor is requesting to end the pregnancy they supported her."
- The SIR addendum for the family notification explains: "**On 1/16/2018 at approximately 3:30 p.m., clinician (b)(6) completed a family session with minor and her father. Minor requested that clinician**

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inform her parents she was pregnant and that she was requesting to end her pregnancy. Minor requested that

clinician not disclose how minor became pregnant. Furthermore, clinician informed minor's father that minor was pregnant and requesting

to end the pregnancy. Minor's father was notified that minor was taken to the doctor and it was confirmed she is approximately 10 weeks

pregnant. Minor's father appeared calm and asked clinician if minor could be reunified with his older daughter. Minor's father requested

time to speak to his wife before making a decision on minor's request to end her pregnancy. On 1/16/2018 at approximately 5 p.m., clinician

(b)(6) **completed a family session with minor's parents. Minor requested not to be present for the second family session.**

Clinician spoke to minor's father who conveyed he had spoken to his wife and decided that they agreed to end the pregnancy. Clinician asked

minor's father to clarify what he agreed to. Minor's father stated he and his wife spoke and consider that minor may have been raped on her

way to school. Minor's father shared that in their home town if a woman is raped, the expectation is that she will marry the man that raped

her. Minor's father stated that he and his wife are not sure that the pregnancy was a result of minor's choices or of a rape. Minor stated that

if minor is requesting to end the pregnancy they supported her. Minor's father also shared that minor is young and still a child herself to be raising a child of her own. Minor's father appeared calm and was respectful as he shared the aforementioned."

- At this time the minor continues her request for TOP "due to the pregnancy being a result of sexual abuse."
- All steps outlined by the ORR Director have been completed. Parental notification has been conducted, in which the family expressed support for their daughter to receive the abortion. The minor has received options counseling from an approved provider. The minor has received spiritual counseling from a pastor of her faith group (evangelical Christian).
- Please advise next steps.

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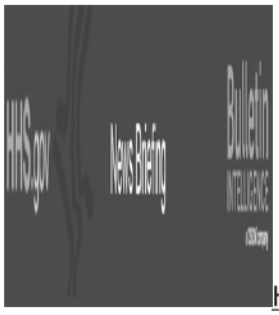
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TO: THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STAFF

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Hundreds Of Thousands Protest Administration's Immigration Policy, Separation Of Families.

ABC World News Tonight Video (6/30, lead story, 2:50, Llamas, 4.58M) reported in its lead story that "we begin tonight with the massive nationwide protests against the President's immigration policy. Tens of thousands of protesters in more than 700 demonstrations, like this one in Chicago, in cities and towns from coast to coast, in every state, urging President Trump to reunite the families separated at the southern border. Part of the fallout from his zero-tolerance immigration policy."

In its lead story, the CBS Weekend News Video (6/30, lead story, 2:20, Ninan, 2.62M) reported, "Americans across the country are making their voices heard this Fourth of July weekend at loud rallies

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from coast to coast. They're demanding that thousands of immigrant children be set free and reunited with their parents. And President Trump may have heard. He tweeted this afternoon that people coming to this country illegally must be escorted out." CBS correspondent Kenneth Craig added, "New York's protest brought an estimated 15,000 to the streets of lower Manhattan over the Trump Administration's zero-tolerance policy on illegal border crossings." Craig also mentioned that HHS said it has custody of more than 2,000 immigrant children separated from their parents.

NBC Nightly News Video (6/30, lead story, 2:35, Diaz-Balart, 12.78M) reported in its lead story, "Hundreds of thousands of people in communities across the country mobilized today for [im]migrant families, protesting President Trump's policy that separated children from their loved ones. Tonight, more than 2,000 of those children remain in detention centers, in a country that's not their own, far from their parents. The White House mostly silent on the issue today."

The Washington Post (6/30, Lang, Zauzmer, Natanson, 15.68M) reported that on Saturday, some 750 "'Families Belong Together' rallies were planned throughout the country in every state – from big cities such as Boston, Chicago and New York to tiny ones such as Antler, N.D., which has a population of 27." Organizers said about 50,000 people gathered in Washington, DC, although the Post indicated the total number may have been somewhat less than that. All these protesters had one message: "End President Trump's 'zero tolerance' immigration policy, which has split children from their parents and detained families crossing the southern U.S. border." The article added that whenever "the government, Border Patrol agents or the Trump administration" was mentioned, "the crowd erupted into chants of 'shame, shame, shame.'" And "as they passed the Trump International Hotel, protesters booed and chanted 'vote him out.'"

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The New York Times (6/30, Yoon-Hendricks, Greenberg, 19.33M) reported that galvanized "by what they view as the cruel treatment of [im]migrants seeking refuge in the United States from violence in their home countries, the crowds turned out Saturday bearing homemade signs that read 'Abolish ICE' – the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency – and 'Zero tolerance for family separation.'" The article said that although "Washington was the political epicenter of the protests, similar scenes unfolded in cities around the country, including large, border cities like El Paso, state capitals like Salt Lake City and Atlanta, and smaller, interior towns like Redding, Calif." The piece added that for the most part, the protests were peaceful, with only a few arrests.

USA Today (6/30, Hayes, 11.4M) reported on the rallies in all 50 states, but asked, "now what? Will the issue and the outrage fade into the background or help lead to a pivotal moment in the debate over immigration in the U.S.?" A spokesman for MoveOn.org, "one of the organizations behind the nationwide rallies," said, "I've never seen so many people that so deeply care about immigration. This is unlike anything I've seen. It's just a huge amount of opportunity and we have to ride this wave to making change." The piece added that "activists plan to pressure members of Congress to hold town halls to discuss immigration and force leaders to take a stand when confronted by their constituents."

The Wall Street Journal (6/30, Raice, Barrett, Duehren, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that protesters said they were angry at President Trump's actions on immigration, and insisted that the world needs to see a different picture of the US. They carried signs saying, "No child should be kept in a cage" and "Keep families together" and "Immigrants make America great."

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The Arizona Republic (6/30, Carranza, Larson, Steinbach, Janetsky, 1.21M) reported that some "800 people gathered outside the state Capitol building in Phoenix. Many carried signs urging the administration to bring families back together." They encountered "small groups of counterprotesters with megaphones. Some engaged, but the event was mostly peaceful."

Also covering the story were the Orlando (FL) Sentinel (6/30, Santana, 593K), the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (6/30, Hansen, 1.09M), the Asbury Park (NJ) Press (6/30, Mikle, 386K), and Newsday (NY) (6/30, Chayes, 1.52M).

Trump Administration Accused Of Separating Immigrant Families Who Sought Asylum At Ports Of Entry.

The Los Angeles Times (7/1, Esquivel, 4.03M) reports that "the practice of separating families appears to have begun accelerating last year, long before zero tolerance was announced in the spring. Among these cases, according to records and interviews, are many that happened at ports of entry" as immigrants sought asylum in the US. The article adds, "Administration officials have said repeatedly that asylum seekers who don't want to be separated from their children should present themselves at a port of entry. Doing so is the legal way to ask for asylum, they said." However, court documents "describe numerous cases in recent months in which families were separated after presenting themselves at a port of entry to ask for asylum." Attorneys contend that this happened even when asylum seekers had identification and documents proving they were the children's parents.

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DOJ Files Documents Which Indicate Administration May Want To Detain Immigrant Families Longer Than The Current Legal Limit.

The Washington Post (6/29, Barrett, 15.68M) reported that the Justice Department on Friday revealed "plans to detain migrant families together in custody rather than release them, according to a new court filing that suggests such detentions could last longer than the 20 days envisioned by a court settlement." The article added that "the filing comes as the Justice Departments seeks to navigate two different court edicts – an injunction issued this week by a federal judge in San Diego that required the government to begin reuniting the roughly 2,000 migrant children still separated from their families, and an older court settlement in federal court in Los Angeles that requires the immigration agencies to release minors in their custody if they are held for more than 20 days."

Politico (6/29, Gerstein, 3.51M) reported that only "days after President Donald Trump announced that his administration would ask a federal court to permit detention of immigrant families by modifying a longstanding court settlement, Justice Department lawyers told the Los Angeles-based judge handling the case Friday that no change to the decree may be needed." Attorneys for the government contend that "a separate injunction a federal judge in San Diego issued Tuesday barring family separations effectively wipes out provisions in the decades-old Flores agreement that have been determined to bar detention of most children in immigration custody for more than 20 days." They wrote, "The rulings work together to permit detention of parents with their minor children with whom they are apprehended."

The Hill (6/29, Bowden, 2.71M) reported that the Administration may

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seek to "detain migrant families together for months at detention facilities as they await prosecution for illegal entry, according to a court filing from the Justice Department." While the filing did not specify the potential length of time immigrant families would be detained, immigration proceedings typically take months.

Administration Still Dealing With "Fallout" From Zero Tolerance Policy.

The AP (7/1, Long, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that in recent Senate testimony, HHS Secretary Alex Azar "could barely conceal his discomfort" as a Democratic senator asked "whether his agency had a role in designing the Trump administration's 'zero tolerance' policy that caused" immigrant children to be separated form their parents. Azar responded, "We deal with the children once they're given to us. ... So we don't – we are not the experts on immigration." The article says separating families "while sidelining the agency responsible for caring for the children was only one example of a communication breakdown in the federal government that left immigrant children in limbo, parents in the dark about their whereabouts and enraged Americans across the country." The Administration "is still dealing with the fallout: It's still not clear how officials will implement the policy or comply with a court order requiring that families be reunited within 30 days. Instead, the administration is hoping Congress will fix the mess."

Congress Leaves For Recess Without Voting On Bill To End Separation Of Immigrant Families.

USA Today (6/29, Kelly, 11.4M) reported that "House and Senate leaders had expressed hope that Congress could act quickly this week to pass a narrow bill that would allow migrant children to remain with their parents at detention centers beyond the current 20-day limit," but

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"both chambers adjourned Thursday without a solution. They will return on July 9."

Top House Dems Want HHS-OIG, Other Agency Watchdogs To Investigate Administration's Zero Tolerance Policy.

The Hill (6/29, Weixel, 2.71M) reported that "top House Democrats are asking federal agency watchdogs for a broad investigation" into the Administration's zero-tolerance immigration policies, "including the separation of children from their parents, as well as the recent executive order intended to partially roll them back." The lawmakers sent a letter Friday to the inspectors general of HHS, DHS, and the Department of Justice asking for a review of the Administration's "entire process for planning and implementing its immigration plan." The letter was signed by Reps. Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD), Jerry Nadler (D-NY), Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), the "top Democrats on the House Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce."

Dems In Connecticut Denied Access To Immigrant Child Separated From Parents.

Vox (6/29, Kirby, 1.66M) reported that on Friday, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT), Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT) sought "to visit a child separated from their family who was being housed in a nonprofit facility in Groton, Connecticut." But HHS "denied the lawmakers access, according to Murphy." He tweeted, "The perverse secrecy of child separation should concern us all." Murphy added, "HHS' excuse was that we need to give 14 days notice. ... What?? 14 days of forced separation from your parent can traumatize a

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kid for life. And we aren't asking to see nuclear codes – we just wanted 10 min to make sure the child is ok." An HHS official "said that a visit from the members had not been approved, and confirmed that HHS requires a two-week notification, at minimum, to make sure tours don't interfere with the care of unaccompanied alien children."

Court Documents Allege Border Agent Wished Immigrant "Happy Mother's Day" After Informing Her Of Impending Separation From Daughter.

The Arizona Republic (6/29, Ruelas, 1.21M) reported, "A Guatemalan woman said in a federal complaint filed this week that a Border Patrol agent in an Arizona detention facility, after informing her that her daughter would be taken away, mockingly wished her a happy Mother's Day." The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts is representing the woman in the lawsuit. Attorneys "say they've filed an emergency lawsuit to immediately reunite" the woman "with her daughter, who is only identified in court filings by the initials S.K. They argue that the continued separation violates the due process rights, as well as the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection."

Immigrant Families Still Separated As "Outrage" Over Zero Tolerance Policy Grows.

ABC World News Tonight Video (6/29, story 6, 0:40, Muir, 6.53M) reported that despite the growing "outrage" over the Trump Administration's zero-tolerance policy, immigrant children remain separated from their parents. Congress left for recess without passing an immigration bill. The segment mentioned that during her last visit to the border, First Lady Melania Trump was shown "pictures of the six-year-old boy left alone in the desert, possibly by smugglers." That boy

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has since been transferred to HHS' custody.

Some 2,000 Immigrant Children Remain Separated From Their Parents Despite Judge's Order To Reunite Them.

The New York Times (6/30, Correal, 19.33M) reported that despite "protests being held around the country on Saturday to demand the reunification of parents and children separated at the border, progress on putting families back together has been painfully slow." The article said in spite of "a federal judge's order requiring reunification within 30 days, more than 2,000 children remain scattered across 17 states, including some 300 in New York." The piece added that "their parents too have been sent around the country – to detention centers in Arizona, Colorado and as far away as Washington State." While HHS "cit[ed] the possibility that human traffickers might pose as parents [and] said that the government intends to aggressively 'vet' those who wish to gain custody of children," the Times said officials "declined to say how many children had been reunited with their relatives since President Trump ended the separation policy with an executive order."

Sponsors, Parents Reportedly Face High Transport Fees, Red Tape Before They Can Be Reunited With Immigrant Children.

The New York Times (7/1, Jordan, 19.33M) reports on the transport fees and red tape facing the sponsors and parents of immigrant children. The article mentions that "Brenda, a Salvadoran [im]migrant who was separated from her 7-year-old son Kevin at the border on May 27, was charged $576.20 to cover the boy's airfare from Miami to Virginia. His escort collected the money order at Washington Dulles airport on Friday upon handing over the child to his mother." This is just one of the many "hurdles" sponsors and immigrant parents must

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overcome in order to be reunited with children. The piece adds that HHS' "Office of Refugee Resettlement, which has official custody of migrant children under detention and establishes conditions for releasing them, has made it clear that the requirements are intended to make sure children are not released to traffickers, and will be well cared for in their new homes."

CNN (6/29, 82.6M) featured footage of Brenda's reunion with her son at Dulles.

Advocates In New York Seek To Teach Separated Immigrant Children About Their Legal Rights.

The Wall Street Journal (7/1, West, Campo-Flores, Texas, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that advocates in New York are attempting to teach immigrant children separated from their parents about their legal rights. They must use creative methods because many of these children are too young to understand the concept, and some are illiterate. The article mentions that the children are in HHS' custody, while their parents are being held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Guatemalan Girl Reunited With Mother After Two-Month Separation.

The Washington Post (7/1, Rozsa, 15.68M) reports on the reunification of a 7-year-old Guatemalan girl who was separated from her family for almost two months by US border officials. The child's mother, Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez, said, "I'm so happy, so happy. ... I didn't know when I would see her again." She added, "She's happy now, but she

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wants her daddy," who remains in detention and faces deportation, adding, "She told me she never, ever wants to be away from her family again."

The AP (7/1, Replogle, Kennedy) reports, "The little girl was in the custody of a child welfare agency in Michigan and made heartbreaking calls to her mother, asking when they'd be reunited."

Guatemalan Mother Detained In Arizona Begins Road Trip To New York City To Find Her Children.

The Arizona Republic (7/1, Oza, 1.21M) spotlights Yeni Maricela Gonzalez Garcia, a Guatemalan immigrant who spent a month separated from her three children while detained, who is now driving with a volunteer to New York City to find her children.

Children Representing Themselves In Immigration Courts.

CNN (6/30, Kopan, 82.6M) reported on immigrant children who are coming before immigration judges to "fight for permission to stay in the country." The article features an immigration attorney whose client was a "crying toddler" that "frazzled" the judge because "she couldn't believe it." CNN added, "Toddlers and infants do, in fact, appear before judges in the system to defend themselves against deportation." The piece cites immigration law experts who "have long opposed the idea of children being able to represent themselves."

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Immigration Playing "Outsized" Role In Arizona's Midterms.

The AP (7/1) reports, "The outrage sparked by the sights, sounds and stories of children separated from parents at the U.S.-Mexico border underscores the outsized role immigration will play in the midterms in Arizona." The article says candidates from both parties are emphasizing immigration as they campaign. The piece adds that for many Arizonans, "the immigration issue is personal," because data indicate "more than 13 percent of Arizona's population as of 2015 were individuals who were born in another country."

Following Visits To Immigration Detention Centers, It Remains To Be Seen What Action First Lady Will Take.

The AP (6/30, Kellman) reported on First Lady Melania Trump's recent visits to the border during which she toured immigrant detention centers. The article said, "Now the question is what she does with that knowledge – and how she meshes it with her dislike for dividing up families and a concurrent belief in strong borders." Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Trump, "says more border visits or talks with lawmakers are possible, but it's not clear what lessons the first lady took from her visits and what she'll communicate to her husband." Grisham added, "She cares about children deeply. ... She also believes in strong border laws and treating everybody equally."

Trump Criticizes Dems Who Are Pushing For ICE To Be Abolished.

The New York Times (7/1, Cochrane, 19.33M) reports that President Trump is attacking "Democratic lawmakers who have called for abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement, seeking to seize

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political advantage on an issue that has put him on the defensive for weeks and offer a winning message for Republicans facing a forbidding midterm election." During an interview with Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," Trump said, "You get rid of ICE, you're going to have a country that you're going to be afraid to walk out of your house." The article adds that Trump also urged "Democratic candidates to embrace demands to dissolve the agency, saying that doing so would doom the party at the polls. 'They're going to get beaten so badly,'" he said.

The Washington Times (7/1, Boyer, 460K) reports Trump "said Sunday that Democrats 'will never win another election' if they keep pushing to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

In The Face Of Growing Criticism, Trump Defends ICE.

On its front page, the Washington Post (6/30, A1, Nakamura, 15.68M) reported that President Trump "opened a new front in the immigration debate, diverting attention away from his administration's treatment of undocumented immigrants to a broader fight over the federal agency charged with detaining and deporting them." According to the Post, the President in a pair of tweets "forcefully defended the performance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and lambasted Democrats for pushing a 'radical left' agenda to abolish it, even though only a handful have publicly supported doing so." The article mentioned that once immigrant children are separated from their parents, they are turned over to HHS.

ICE Acting Director Accused Of Perpetuating Falsehood About Zero Tolerance Policy.

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The Huffington Post (6/29, Fang, 4.32M) reported that on Friday, Thomas Homan, acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, "perpetuated President Donald Trump's lie that Congress is responsible for the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy of separating young, undocumented immigrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border." Homan said, "We are enforcing the laws that they enacted. ... We're out, doing our sworn oath, enforcing the laws that they enacted, and they're going to vilify us for doing it."

ICE Raids Reportedly Separating Children From Immigrant Parents.

The Washington Post (6/30, 15.68M) reported that while the Administration promises "to reunite families separated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the U.S. border, a similar crisis continues unabated within the country's interior, where children are separated from their undocumented parents with little scrutiny and increasing frequency." ICE has, in recent months, "carried out the three biggest workplace immigration raids of the past decade, including one on June 5 at a nursery here in rural Ohio, where 114 gardeners, florists and other workers were detained and put into court proceedings for deportation." Many had lived for several years in a nearby "trailer park of 74 homes known as Little Mexico, where now aid workers estimate that more than 90 children are missing one parent and at least 20 are left with no parent at all."

Advocates Say Separated Immigrant Parents Are Failing Asylum Screenings Because They Are Too Distraught.

The Huffington Post (6/30, Chapin, 4.32M) reported that advocates say immigrant parents who have been separated from their children "are

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too devastated to prepare for their court hearings. Instead, they replay the moment their kids were taken away by Border Patrol, worry about their children's well-being, and ask repeatedly where their sons and daughters are. In some cases, they simply weep." One activist said "over half of the roughly 20 parents she spoke with on Thursday did not pass their 'credible fear' interviews – a process that determines a person's asylum eligibility." She is convinced the parents "are too distressed about their children to effectively tell an asylum officer why they fled their country and could be killed upon return."

Some Concerned Immigrant Children Separated From Parents Could Be Put Up For Adoption.

The Arizona Republic (6/29, White, 1.21M) reported, "Since the Trump administration's zero-tolerance border policy led to the separation of more than 2,300 immigrant children from their relatives since early May, some have wondered: Could these kids end up being adopted by American families?" Some immigrants allege they heard border agents say some of the separated children would be adopted after their parents were deported. HHS "has insisted that separated minors will soon be reunited with their relatives. Foster and adoption agencies have said separated children need to be with their families and will never be put up for adoption." However, "there are a number of scenarios that could complicate that."

The Detroit Free Press (6/30, Baldas, 1.21M) reported that Bethany Christian Services in Michigan insists that separated immigrant parents and children are being reunited. Bethany said the more than 50 children in the state "will not be adopted. These children have families, and we will continue to pursue reunification with their families."

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Nonprofit Says Its Database Could Help Unite Separated Immigrant Children With Parents.

The Dallas Morning News (6/29, Solis, 1.05M) reported, "A nonprofit has created a database that could help more than 2,000 immigrant children be swiftly reconnected with their parents even as lawyers and advocates become increasingly frustrated about not knowing where many of the children are." The article said this "database will allow parents and legal representatives who are trying to locate separated children to submit inquires by phone and email," and "from there, the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nonprofit, and its partners hope to connect the families with attorneys to work on the immigrants' legal cases."

Experts Say More Central American Children Are Immigrating To The US Because Of Violence, Lack Of Opportunities.

The Washington Post (6/29, Schwartz, 15.68M) examined why so many children from Central America are coming to the US. Experts attribute this trend to "economic factors and violence and insecurity. The first group includes the lack of economic opportunity, including a lack of jobs or inadequate opportunities for education. The second group includes violence and victimization, not just by gangs, other criminal groups and state security forces but at home as well."

More Commentary.

The New York Times (6/29, 19.33M) said in an editorial that separating families caught illegally crossing the US-Mexico border exemplifies

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"cruelty &perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation." The Times added, "The Trump administration has committed a gross offense," and urged all Americans to "demand that it promptly reunite these children with their parents."

Author and former Border Patrol agent Francisco Cantú wrote in a New York Times (6/30, 19.33M) op-ed that it is crucial "to understand that the crisis of separation manufactured by the Trump administration is only the most visibly abhorrent manifestation of a decades-long project to create a 'state of exception' along our southern border." He added, "The logic of deterrence is not unlike that of war: It has transformed the border into a state of exception where some of the most vulnerable people on earth face death and disappearance and where children are torn from their parents to send the message You are not safe here. In this sense, the situation at the border has reached a point of crisis – not one of criminality but of disregard for human life."

Jennifer Rubin writes in the Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) "Right Turn" blog that "President Trump is prepared to incarcerate entire families for indeterminate periods of time for what has been traditionally treated as a misdemeanor." She argues, "This is as inhumane as it is wasteful and dangerous; rather than use resources to go after drug runners and human trafficking and other serious offenses, the administration will be spending resources to stand guard over families."

Alexandra F. Levy, a senior staff attorney at the Human Trafficking Legal Center, wrote in a Washington Post (6/29, 15.68M) op-ed about "who stands to gain from the Trump administration's immigration policies." She said it is not immigrant children or their parents or even the US. Rather, it is the "two largest private prison contractors in the

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United States, GEO Group and CoreCivic," which "house thousands of immigrant detainees across the country. These corporations now face allegations that they force immigrant detainees to perform unpaid labor inside their facilities."

Sarah Lustbader, a former public defender, writes in the Washington Post (7/1, Lustbader, 15.68M) that the Administration's defense of its family separation policy "boiled down to the following: The child's suffering is the price the parent must pay for breaking the rules. Children are, in essence, collateral damage." Lustbader points out, "Every day, we lock parents up for decades in our prisons regardless of how it will affect their children, and no one bats an eye." She concludes, "We should be demanding more humanity of our system across the board – not just at the border."

In an editorial, USA Today (7/1, 11.4M) writes, "Sometime in the not-too-distant future, the United States could face simultaneous crises, and the word of the White House would be crucial." The editorial goes on to say that "most Americans have come to recognize Trump's long and sordid abuse of facts," and "in recent weeks, his falsehoods have come even faster and with greater vigor." The editorial questions whether the White House will have the requisite credibility when that crisis comes.

Anthony Scaramucci, former White House director of communications, writes in USA Today (7/1, Scaramucci, 11.4M) that following the "child separation fiasco, President Donald Trump doesn't have a credibility problem – but his chief of staff and the Democrats do." Scaramucci takes issue with the "messaging" of the policy. He concludes, "The president wants to find common ground, but the 'resistance' is peddling false narratives to avoid making a deal," adding, "the Democrats, not the president, have the real credibility problem."

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The Secretary in the News

Judge Strikes Down Kentucky's Medicaid Work Rules.

The New York Times (6/29, Goodnough, 19.33M) reported that US District Judge James Boasberg on Friday "blocked Kentucky's closely watched plan to require many Medicaid recipients to work, volunteer or train for a job as a condition of coverage." The Times said the ruling in the Kentucky case "is the first on this issue, but it will almost certainly not be the last; the question may wind up before a more conservative Supreme Court with two Trump appointees." The Trump Administration and the state of Kentucky had argued "that Congress gave the health and human services secretary broad discretion to approve Medicaid demonstration projects. Lawyers for the administration also argued that" HHS Secretary Alex Azar "provided plenty of evidence that working improves health." Judge Boasberg disagreed, saying, "While the ultimate decision whether to grant approval rests with the secretary, his discretion is not boundless."

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NPR (6/29, Kodjak, 3.55M) reported that in Friday's ruling, Judge Boasberg "called the Trump administration's approval of the program, Kentucky HEALTH, 'arbitrary and capricious.'" He writes "that in approving Kentucky's work requirement proposal, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar 'never adequately considered whether Kentucky HEALTH would in fact help the state furnish medical assistance to its citizens, a central objective of Medicaid.'"

The Washington Post (6/29, Sun, Goldstein, 15.68M) reported that Boasberg's decision "sends the state's program, Kentucky HEALTH, back to the federal Department of Health and Human Services for further review." Bloomberg News (6/29, 4.46M) reported Trump's HHS department "'never adequately considered whether Kentucky Health would in fact help the state furnish medical assistance to its citizens, a central objective of Medicaid,' Boasberg wrote."

Reuters (6/29, Raymond) reported Kentucky "was the first of four states to receive approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to require that able-bodied Medicaid recipients work at least 80 hours a month or lose their benefits." Kentucky "said the judge had blocked the program on the 'narrow basis' that HHS failed to consider its impact on Medicaid coverage, and that the state would work with HHS to address that problem so the program could take effect." Adam Meier, secretary of Kentucky's health department, is quoted saying, "'We will have no choice but to make significant benefit reductions' without implementing the work requirements."

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Armour, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Verma said, "We are conferring with the Department of Justice to chart a path forward." Verma added, "In the meantime, we will continue to

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support innovative, state-driven policies that are designed to advance the objectives of the Medicaid program by improving health outcomes for thousands of low-income Americans."

The AP (6/29, Beam, Alonso-Zaldivar) reported the national implications of Friday's ruling "could take a while to sort out. Officials in Arkansas have already implemented similar work requirement rules there." The drive "to expand Medicaid in GOP-led states had gotten a boost from the prospect of work requirements, which appeal to conservatives. In Virginia, work requirements are part of a compromise between Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam and Republican legislators to expand Medicaid."

The Washington Examiner (6/29, Leonard, 340K) reported the requirements "would have gone into effect Sunday. Republican Gov. Matt Bevin had threatened to discontinue Medicaid expansion in the state, which covers more than 500,000 people, if the requirements were struck down."

Additional coverage is provided by CNN (6/29, Luhby, 82.6M), Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Subscription Publication), Forbes (6/29, Japsen, 10.34M), Fortune (6/29, 3.91M), Healthcare Finance News (6/29, 93K), The Hill (6/29, Weixel, 2.71M), the Huffington Post (6/29, Young, 4.32M), Kaiser Health News (6/29), Modern Healthcare (6/29, Subscription Publication, 239K), the Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (6/29, 419K), Politico (6/29, Pradhan, 3.51M), Vox (6/29, 1.66M), and the Detroit Free Press (6/29, Spangler, 1.21M).

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Unaccompanied Alien Children

Suit Filed Against HHS Alleges "A Wide Range Of Abuses" Against Unaccompanied Minors.

USA Today (6/29, Gomez, 11.4M) reported that on Friday, several legal groups filed a lawsuit accusing HHS "of mistreating unaccompanied minors in its custody, ordering them to take psychotropic drugs without their relatives' consent and making it overly difficult to reunite them with family." The suit was filed on behalf of "five minors who allege a wide range of abuses at the hands of contractors who run shelters for Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement." One of the children, "a 12-year-old boy from Guatemala who has been in custody since February, has allegedly been administered psychotropic drugs to treat depression that he developed while in custody." The suit says "the boy refused to continue taking the medication because it hurt his stomach, which led shelter officials to transfer him to a psychiatric institution without consulting his adult sister, who had been trying to win his release."

The Washington Post (6/29, Davis, 15.68M) reported that the lawsuit alleges the 12-year-old boy "went from being calm and cooperative to

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showing signs of depression brought on by 'being kept from his family,'" which had crossed into the US illegally ahead of him. Leecia Welch, an attorney for the National Center for Youth Law, one of the groups that brought the case, said, "Basic due-process rights" are being "trampled" by the Trump Administration. She added that "parents of children are going through the ringer trying to get their kids out of these detention facilities."

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Lazo, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that the suit is seeking class-action status. The five children are from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico. It names HHS Secretary Alex Azar and ORR Director E. Scott Lloyd as defendants.

The Hill (6/30, Anapol, 2.71M) reported that the suit was "filed Friday in a federal court in California." The five children range in age from 12 to 17, and they all arrived in the US as unaccompanied minors. The suit "alleges that the minors have been held in 'jail-like' conditions and experienced 'cruel' practices, including being prescribed antidepressants, that may result in lifelong trauma and 'emotional harm.'"

NBC News (6/30, Mandell, 5.76M) and Newsweek (6/30, Hutzler, 2.18M) also covered the story.

House GOP Seeks Answers From Azar About ORR.

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The Hill (6/29, Hellmann, 2.71M) reported that Republicans on the House Energy &Commerce Committee have sent a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar asking for answers about the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The article said the lawmakers "asked for answers to a series of questions about children in ORR custody, including: how many are in ORR custody as a result of being separated from their parents or families; does ORR have the resources to properly care for the high number of children being transferred to their custody; what steps is ORR taking to track and address issues of abuse within HHS funded facilities and what medications is ORR authorized to administer." The letter stated, "Given HHS' historical difficulties in properly caring for [the children], the committee believes that additional scrutiny of ORR is warranted at this time."

Fake Story About HHS Losing Immigrant Children Resulted In Discovery Of Separations At The Southern Border.

On its website, ABC News (6/30, Pearle, 1.85M) reported that the story about HHS losing almost 1,500 immigrant children was untrue, yet "it was enough to outrage politicians, stir up journalists and make the public ask questions. Chasing this misleading story...helped uncover a story that many found even more troubling. And this one was real." The article said that in April, "Steven Wagner, an official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who oversees programs that place unaccompanied minors with families, told a Senate committee that a department office 'was unable to determine with certainty the whereabouts of 1,475 unaccompanied alien children' who had been placed with sponsors living in the United States." In May,

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Deputy HHS Secretary Eric Hargan "disputed what was becoming a widespread narrative, saying these children were not 'lost' but had simply been placed with friends and extended family members" who could not be reached. The piece added that while investigating this story, reporters uncovered the Trump Administration's policy of separating immigrant families at the southern border.

HHS in the News

HHS' Severino Speaks At National Right To Life Conference.

The Wichita (KS) Eagle (6/29, Burgess, 316K) reported Roger Severino, who directs the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights, was the featured speaker at the National Right to Life convention Thursday, becoming the first HHS official "in recent memory" to speak at the nation's largest anti-abortion organization. Severino said in his remarks, "Our president is fearless when it comes to life and conscience," adding, "We're just getting started."

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Several Mid-Level HHS Officials Reportedly Emulating Trump In Tweets.

Politico (6/29, Diamond, 3.51M) profiled several "midlevel political appointees at the Health and Human Services Department who have helped shape the agency's communications strategy – even while taking a page out of President Donald Trump's playbook" by emulating his "taunts and gibes" on Twitter. According to Politico, the behavior "suggest[s] that some officials feel empowered to mimic the president even while representing the government to millions of taxpayers and working alongside career federal employees." The article added that the tweeting "also raises questions about whether any officials are violating the Hatch Act, which is intended to ban most federal personnel from bringing politics into the workplace." The piece mentioned officials such as Gavin Smith, "an HHS staffer who identifies himself as deputy communications director," Ximena Barreto, "a deputy communications director who worked on the Trump campaign," and Jon Cordova, "the principal deputy assistant secretary for administration."

CMS Looking For Chief Health Informatics Officer.

MedCity News (6/29, Dietsche) reported the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "is seeking a chief health informatics officer, according to a job posting on USAjobs.gov." The individual chosen for the role "will develop requirements and content for health-related information technology with an initial focus on improving innovation and

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interoperability."

CMS Releases Payment Data, Reveals Drug And Medical Device Company Contributions.

The Washington Examiner (6/29, King, 340K) reported that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released its 2017 payment information on Friday. Data show drug and medical device companies provided "$8.4 billion to doctors and teaching hospitals," that year. According to the figures, "the biggest amount, $4.7 billion, went to research. Coming in second was $2.82 billion for general payments, which include items such as meals, travel to speaking events, and speaking fees."

National Guard Soldiers May Have Sleep Problems After Returning Home From The Battlefield, Research Suggests.

Reuters (6/29, Weinstock) reported that research suggests "National Guard soldiers may be plagued with sleep problems when they return home from the battlefield." The findings were published online in Sleep Health. Reuters added, "Michael Twery, director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute...told Reuters Health by phone that while the study was a

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small one and needs to be replicated in larger groups of soldiers, it '(lays) a foundation to help us design more definitive studies of sleep in this population.'"

Federal Officials Say Romaine Lettuce-Linked E. Coli Outbreak Is Officially Over.

The Los Angeles Times (6/29, Millman, 4.03M) reported that Federal officials have said the E. coli outbreak tied to Yuma, AZ-grown romaine lettuce is officially over. The CDC has found no "new cases from the outbreak, which started in mid-March and infected people in 36 states." The Times reported, "Dirty irrigation canal water is expected to have caused the outbreak, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Thursday, and officials are investigating how the bacteria got into the water." Meanwhile, the CDC reported "the last E. coli case from this outbreak June 6."

The New York Times (7/1, Jacobs, 19.33M) reports, "Samples of canal water in the Yuma area of Arizona were found to contain the same genetic strain of E. coli that caused the outbreak, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, commissioner of the federal Food and Drug Administration, said in a statement." Dr. Gottlieb said, "More work needs to be done to determine just how and why this strain of E. coli O157: H7 could have gotten into this body of water and how that led to contamination of romaine lettuce from multiple farms."

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Emergency Departments Struggling Through Shortages Of Crucial Drugs.

The New York Times (7/1, Thomas, 19.33M) reports that emergency departments nationwide are struggling with shortages of "crucial drugs like morphine, which is used to ease the pain of injuries like broken bones, or diltiazem, a heart drug." The Times adds, "For years, drug shortages have created a behind-the-scenes scramble as pharmacists, doctors and nurses cobble together fixes that are often invisible to patients," but physicians "around the country say the latest shortages are more directly affecting patient care." A survey of emergency physicians in May by the American College of Emergency Physicians "found that 9 of 10 said they didn't have access to critical medicines, and nearly 4 in 10 said that patients had been negatively affected." FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb "acknowledged in an interview that while the agency has made progress, it has not solved the underlying problem," saying, "We are still in the position of trying to put a Band-Aid on a market that fundamentally hasn't changed."

Amazon's PillPack Deal Unlikely To Impact Drug Costs, Analysts Say.

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Rockoff, Walker, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that Amazon's deal to purchase PillPack may make filling prescriptions more convenient, but is unlikely to address

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prescription drug costs, according to industry experts. Those experts suggested that Amazon may be able to negotiate to offer generic versions of medications, but that the main issue with US drug spending is rising cost driven by high-priced biotech therapies, which often must be injected or infused, and which retail pharmacies don't dispense. However, the deal threatens to shift market share from the 64,500 US retail pharmacies, and some analysts suggest Amazon could be looking to take over the role of pharmacy-benefit managers, which currently negotiate drug discounts for insurers and employers.

Meanwhile, CNBC (6/29, Lovelace, 4.81M) reported, "FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb says Amazon's new push into health care is just fine because anything that makes much needed products, like pharmaceuticals, more accessible to consumers and lowers costs is a positive." In a June 29 interview with CNBC's "Squawk Box," Gottlieb said, "Disruptive competition is a good thing."

First Cannabis-Based Prescription Drug Approved By FDA Marks "Watershed" Moment, Industry Members Say.

Bloomberg News (6/29, Buckley, 4.46M) reported GW Pharmaceuticals has received FDA approval for its medical marijuana treatment "Epidiolex, a prescription drug for children with severe epilepsy," which has been "genetically modified to remove the psychoactive properties." As the "first prescription medicine derived from cannabis permitted to be sold in the U.S.," the drug's approval has been heralded by some industry members as "a watershed event" that the piece said "should help alleviate skepticism among some physicians about the plant's

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medical uses."

FDA Commissioner Comments On Efforts To Stem Online Opioid Sales.

CNBC's Squawk Box Video (6/29, 85K) reported on the FDA's summit with Facebook, Google, Twitter, and other Internet companies seeking their help in cracking down on online opioid sales. In an interview, FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said, "In 2015, there was data that came out that showed $15 million of online sales, but we're seeing more and more of the sales being shifted to the online I think as we start to reduce lawful prescribing, so a lot of the medical – a lot of the addiction was people got medically addicted as we see doctors start to prescribe fewer opioids, we're fearful that more and more of the new addiction is going to shift to illicit sources, and a lot of those sales are taking place online." Gottlieb characterized big Internet companies as having "been helpful" and said that "we've been working with them for some period of time now."

FDA Report Suggests Ways To Improve Its Hiring Process.

Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Siddons, Subscription Publication) reported that the FDA issued a new report that showed that the agency

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"sees ways that its ability to hire qualified staff could be improved, even after Congress granted it new hiring authorities at the end of 2016." The report noted that the new authorities it was granted "included the ability to offer higher salaries for some positions." The report largely "focuses on ways that the FDA has been implementing new hire authorities, including which positions it is designating for higher pay scales and how it has sped up its hiring process in several areas."

FDA Policy Limiting Blood Donations From Gay Men Draws Scrutiny.

The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/29, Randle, 636K) reported an FDA policy from 1983 requiring blood banks "to prohibit men who have sex with men from donating blood, blood components or plasma" has become "a point of contention for many in the LGBT community who viewed it as archaic and stigmatizing in a time when HIV is less of a threat." The FDA in 2015 "amended its ban to a '12 month deferment' policy, allowing men to donate blood as long as they haven't had sex with other men for the past year," but skeptics continue to argue against it. The piece adds that FDA spokeswoman Megan McSeveney said the agency is "fully committed in its actions to facilitate change" and is seeking new means to evaluate blood donors.

FDA Warns Pfizer Over "Misleading" Consumer Video.

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STAT Plus (6/29, Silverman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported the Food and Drug Administration "scolded" Pfizer "over a consumer video that created a 'misleading impression' of the Estring vaginal ring because there was no risk information." In a June 19 letter, the FDA "argued the video 'misleadingly suggests that patients will experience similar results'" as the person depicted in the video, and the FDA "complained this was 'especially concerning from a public health perspective' because Estring product labeling mentions several serious, life-threatening risks, including two forms of cancer."

Op-Ed Touts FDA Allowance Of Off-Label Healthcare Economic Discussions.

In STAT (6/29, 27K) "First Opinion," John Osborn, a senior advisor with Hogan Lovells and a visiting scholar at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and Seth Ray, a senior counsel with O'Melveny &Myers, touted the Trump Administration's issuance of "final guidance that allows drug companies and device makers to provide health care economic and other supporting information to payers and formulary committees, even if the information is outside of the FDA approved labeling and was not submitted to the agency in the course of product approval." They suggested that this development "raises the question of whether the agency will take steps to allow companies to provide truthful off-label information to physicians and patients in other contexts." They noted that "in April, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb signaled that an expanded safe harbor was coming soon that would provide a 'more robust framework' to allow companies to discuss the value proposition and health economic benefits of off-label uses."

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Maple Syrup Producers, Beekeepers Oppose FDA's "Added Sugars" Label.

The AP (7/1) reports that the FDA's "added sugars" labeling is being opposed by maple syrup producers and beekeepers. The agency "has received more than 3,000 comments on its proposal, most of which are from honey and maple syrup producers, the Wisconsin Public Radio reported." The AP reports, "The FDA said that it's looking forward to 'working with stakeholders to devise a sensible solution," but the "agency said it acknowledges that the feedback from producers indicates that their proposal 'does not provide the clarity that the FDA intended.'"

CDC Director Changes Stance On Use Of Condoms To Prevent STDs.

The AP (6/29, Stobbe) reported that CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield Jr. "once opposed condoms and needle exchange programs as ways to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases." But this week, he said during an interview that "his views have changed." He told the AP that "it has become clear to him that condoms and needle exchanges work as part of comprehensive programs to stop the spread of certain

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infectious diseases." Redfield was quoted as saying, "One thing I can commit to is CDC is not an opinion organization. It's a science-based, data-driven organization." Speaking about the AIDS epidemic, he added, "We do have the tools to end this epidemic. Let's use them."

CDC Map Illustrates Incidence Of Pediatric Cancer In Different US Regions.

On its website, NBC News (6/29, 5.76M) reported a new CDC map of cancers in the US indicates pediatric "cancer rates are the highest in the Northeast and lowest in the South," that leukemia "is more common in the western states," and "rates of pediatric lymphoma and brain cancer are higher in the Northeast." Lead report author CDC epidemiologist Dr. David Siegel wrote, "Variation in childhood cancer incidence might be related to differences in exposures to carcinogenic chemicals (e.g., air pollution, secondhand smoke, food, or drinking water) or radiation." The piece added, "there might be genetic variations in different populations. Inherited genetics account for about 5 percent of all childhood cancer, the National Cancer Institute says." The NCI was quoted as saying that in adults, certain "gene mutations reflect the cumulative effects of aging and long-term exposure to cancer-causing substances."

Health Exec (6/29, Leider) reported the CDC study sourced "data for 2003-2014 from the National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance," a period during which "171,432 cases of pediatric cancer were identified – an incidence rate of 173.7 cases per one million children."

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House Legislators Seek More Transparency From FNIH Concerning Donors.

Science Magazine (6/29, Mervis, 441K) reported a House appropriations subcommittee is concerned that the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) may not be adhering to funding disclosure rules dictated by the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). Science said the House report specifically addressed identifying donors "who have attached strings to their gift by labeling them as 'anonymous.'" However, FNIH senior vice president of research partnerships David Wholley said, "We have the responsibility...to do these partnerships that support the NIH mission. ... And we have always complied with the law." FNIH development office head Julie Wolf-Rodda said, "The lion's share of anonymous gifts are from a relative of someone who was treated at the NIH Clinical Center...and doesn't want their name listed in the annual report." The piece noted that "NIH Director Francis Collins canceled a $100-million study on the effects of moderate alcohol drinking" following "an investigation found NIH staff had improperly solicited industry directly and shaped the study to satisfy industry interests."

NCI Research Funding Priorities Following Budget Increases Outlined.

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In a paywalled piece, the Cancer Letter (6/29, Ong) reported on the NCI's funding priorities after receiving "a $147 million increase to the Research Grant Project pool," $60 million for "targeted research opportunities," "a $20 million increase for centers and SPOREs," and "$10 million for the National Clinical Trials Network and the NCI Community Oncology Research Program." With its "$275 million increase over fiscal 2017 levels," NCI has an enacted 2018 budget of $5.66 billion. The piece quoted NCI Director Ned Sharpless as saying, "there was about almost a $40 million increase in taps, benefits, and salaries. ... These are things that the NCI has to experience. There's an increase to our [Small Business Innovation Research program] funding, it's a fixed grade of our external budget."

NCI Establishes National Clinical Trials Network Navigator To Augment Access To Cancer Trial Specimens, Data.

HemOnc Today (6/29, Mishkin, 98K) reported the NCI recently established the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) Navigator which aims "to improve the research community's access to specimens and data collected from cancer treatment trials" by providing researchers with "access to specimens donated by adults who participated in published NCI-sponsored phase 3 cancer trials." The piece included an interview with Grace Mishkin, MPH, public health analyst at NCI, who explained, "This initiative is designed to align with the goals of NCTN by taking a more network-wide centralized approach to making the specimens from these trials more available to the wider research community," adding, "Ultimately, the goal is to have studies come through the navigator process and evaluate biomarkers that can hopefully be used in future clinical trials."

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NIDOCD Study Indicates Partially-Restored Hearing In Mouse Model Of Inherited Deafness.

The Beckley (WV) Register-Herald (7/1, Holdren, 59K) reports a new study conducted by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, the University of Iowa, and Iowa City indicates new understandings of "the molecular mechanism in a form of deafness, DFNA27," and "focused on a small-molecule drug – the first to preserve hearing in a mouse model of an inherited form of progressive human deafness." Study co-author Thomas B. Friedman, PhD, chief of the Laboratory of Human Molecular Genetics at the NIDCD, explained, "We were able to partially restore hearing, especially at lower frequencies, and save some sensory hair cells." Andrew J. Griffith, scientific director of the NIDCD, said that by following the genetic indicators, "We find novel and unexpected pathways that can, in cases such as this one, uncover unexpected potential treatment strategies in humans."

Senate Committee Considers Additional $2 Billion For NIH In 2019.

In a paywalled piece, the Cancer Letter (6/29, Williams, Ong) reported the Senate Committee on Appropriations submitted a fiscal 2019

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spending bill last week which would increase NIH funding by $2 billion, giving it $39.1 billion. If the measure is enacted, "federally-funded biomedical research would get its fourth consecutive increase," and $190 million in new money of the total allocation would "trickle down to NCI." The piece added that the House similarly drafted a bill which "proposes a $1.25 billion increase for NIH, bringing the total to $38.3 billion."

NIH Recommends Strategies For Older Adults To Avoid Hypothermia In Summer Heat.

The Beckley (WV) Register-Herald (6/29, Holdren, Nelson, 59K) reported, "The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is encouraging older adults to take certain precautions this summer to avoid hyperthermia," recommending that older adults "stay indoors on particularly hot and humid days." The NIH also advises staying hydrated, wearing light-colored and loose-fitting clothes, keeping homes and community centers cool, and visiting air-conditioned locations.

Johns Hopkins Tops List Of Leading NIH Grant Recipients In Baltimore Area.

The Baltimore Business Journal (6/29, Sieron, Subscription Publication,

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823K) reported Johns Hopkins University again leads the list of top NIH grant recipients in Greater Baltimore for 2017 "with a total grant value of $651.8 million last year." The other leading grant recipients include the University of Maryland, Baltimore, the Kennedy Krieger Institute, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Profectus BioSciences Inc.

Opioid Crisis

Opioid Deaths In Missouri Still On The Rise, But Growth Rate Slowing Down.

The AP (7/1) reports that while opioid related deaths "continue to increase in Missouri, the growth rate is slowing down, according to a new report." The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services "found that there was a 4.7 percent increase in opioid deaths from 2016 to 2017, the Columbia Missourian reported." That rate "is much lower than the 35 percent spike seen from 2015 to 2016."

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Ohio Auditor's Report Shows Impact Of Opioids On Medicaid.

The AP (7/1) reports that a state auditor's report "looking at the impact of the opioid crisis on state Medicaid spending shows the number of Ohio Medicaid recipients with an opioid-related diagnosis quadrupling from 2010 to 2016." The report "recently released by Ohio Auditor Dave Yost shows the number of Ohio Medicaid recipients with an opioid-related diagnosis climbed 430 percent between 2010 and 2016."

New Research Shows How Opioids Are Impacting The Workforce In Kentucky.

The AP (6/30) reported that new research shows how opioids are affecting the workforce in Kentucky. The research shows "that the state's high use of painkilling drugs called opioids appears to have reduced the labor pool." In a paper "published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, economists Dionissi Aliprantis and Mark E. Schweitzer estimated that participation in the labor force by men in their prime working years – ages 24 to 54 – was 4.6 percent less on average in counties with high rates of opioid prescribing than in counties with low prescribing rates."

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Georgia Will Require Doctors To Check Database Before Prescribing Opioids.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (6/29, 1.09M) reported that starting July 1, writing a prescription for opioid pain medications in Georgia "will require an extra step...that lawmakers hope may push health care professionals to make better prescribing decisions." A state law that was passed last year "mandates that doctors, dentists and other prescribers check a database to determine what prescriptions patients have recently filled before doling out certain drugs, including opioid painkillers and benzodiazepines such as Xanax."

Arizona County Joins Opioid Manufacturer Lawsuit.

The Arizona Republic (6/30, Wagner, 1.21M) reported that cities and counties across the US "have joined a nationwide lawsuit against corporations that make and distribute opioids, seeking to recoup tax dollars spent fighting America's painkiller-addiction epidemic." Cochise County in Arizona "became the latest to file suit this week, joining at least 1,500 local, state and tribal governments that in the past year have filed federal court complaints against Purdue Pharma LP, the manufacturer of OxyContin, and other companies."

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Pennsylvania Law Aims To Protect Newborns Affected By Opioid Addiction.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/29, McCullough, 1.07M) reported the Pennsylvania legislature last week passed a bill "that will dramatically change the rules for safeguarding newborns who go home from the hospital with mothers battling addiction." The overhaul, "effective in October, says any newborn 'affected' by the mother's drug use during pregnancy must be reported by the hospital to the county's child protective agency, which must 'immediately' assess whether protective custody is needed. The agency has to develop a 'plan of safe care' for babies who go home."

Innovative Program At Kentucky Jail Provides In-House Rehab For Inmates.

Fox News (7/1, Kesten, 16.38M) reports that a jail in Kenton County, Kentucky started "an innovative pilot program" back in 2015 that provides in-house rehab for inmates. Today, the program "is so successful that it has a running waitlist," and "the vast majority of men sign themselves up." That rehab program, "called Unit 104, houses 70 men," who "have access to alcoholics and narcotics anonymous meetings, along with a daily schedule of classes to prepare for the G.E.D. or future job interviews."

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Nashville Family Loses Three Loved Ones "To Drugs' Grip."

The Tennessean (7/1, Wadhwani, 513K) reports that a family in Nashville has lost three loved ones in drug-related accidents since 2013. Mickey and Tina Baltz's son died in a car accident in 2013 when former 3 Doors Down bassist – having the opioid oxycodone and the muscle relaxant alprazolam in his system – clipped his car on the interstate. Then in 2016, their daughter's former boyfriend, Ralph Hardin, 29, "was fatally shot with his own gun in a room at the Red Roof Inn, where – the Baltzes say – he had gone to confront" the Baltz's daughter's drug dealer. And earlier this year, their daughter, Heather Baltz, died "of a heart infection doctors believe originated with a contaminated needle used to shoot heroin. She had turned to heroin after running out of pain pills prescribed for gallbladder surgery in 2014."

Media Collaborates To Share Solutions To Opioid Crisis.

The AP (6/28, De Groot) reported more than 50 print, digital, and broadcast news organizations "are casting a spotlight on the diverse and sometimes out-of the-ordinary tactics being used to combat the devastating effects of the opioids crisis across Pennsylvania, from the smallest towns to the biggest cities." One goal of the media collaboration was "to make sure communities in every part of the state are aware of strategies, innovations and community efforts that are helping to alleviate the crisis, or at least show promise."

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Police Using Databases To Crack Down On Opioid Abuse.

Politico (6/29, Tahir, 3.51M) reported, "Bolstered by harsh law-and-order rhetoric from President Donald Trump and his aides, police around the country are using electronic databases to unleash a vast crackdown on opioid abusers and the allegedly crooked doctors who sustain them." The databases are helping "to reduce opioid prescriptions, which have fallen by nearly a third since 2011."

Metrohealth Cuts Opioid Prescriptions By 3 Million.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/29, 1.03M) reported the MetroHealth System "is looking internally to strike the next blow in Ohio's battle against the opioid epidemic." MetroHealth "cut the number of opioid pills prescribed by 3 million, Dr. Akram Boutros, president and CEO of MetroHealth, announced Friday during MetroHealth's annual stakeholders meeting at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland." During the annual meeting, Boutros "also told the crowd of 700 about a new initiative to address community trauma and shared updated plans for a new 11-story, 270-bed 'hospital in a park' on its main campus off West 25th Street."

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Modern Healthcare (6/29, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported the efforts "resulted in 33% fewer opioid prescriptions compared with the previous 18 months." That includes "a 62% drop in prescriptions for acute pain and a 25% cut in prescriptions for chronic pain."

NBC Analysis: France Seems To Have Solution To Its Own Opioid Crisis.

NBC Nightly News Video (7/1, story 9, 3:10, Jackson, 8.26M) reported that France appears to have found a way to "dramatically cut down on the number of people who die from overdosing" on opioids. France, which went through it's "own opioid epidemic" in the 1980s and 1990s, began allowing all general practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine in the mid-1990s. In four years, "overdose deaths dropped by 79 percent, and even now, 64 percent of heroin and other opioid substance abusers are on the treatment. Under France's universal health system, it's free." NBC's Dr. John Torres said buprenorphine "works and saves lives" but isn't being used in the US because it's not covered in all states, and doctors who would prescribe it would need "special training."

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Mental Illness

Student Groups On College Campuses May Improve Access To Mental Health Resources, Study Suggests.

The Huffington Post (6/30, Pajer, 4.32M) reported that some college students "are taking action" to improve access to mental healthcare and "address the culture that makes their peers reluctant to seek help." The article said some students "have formed clubs and support groups," while "others educate fellow students about mental health offerings on campus." A new study which examines such groups across 12 California schools found that "students' efforts are working," and said that the presence of these groups on campus "was found to foster an increase in general knowledge and positive attitudes about mental health," according to the article.

Healthcare Fraud

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Tennessee CEO Indicted In $2.5 Million Medicare Fraud Case.

The Tennessean (6/29, Kelman, 513K) reported in continuing coverage about a "nationwide health care fraud takedown" that "led to hundreds of arrests in a host of unconnected cases across the nation." The article said "Brenda Montgomery, 70, of Camden, the owner of CCC Medical, Inc., has been charged with conspiracy and bribery, according to a federal indictment that was unsealed Thursday." The Tennessee company "sold knee, wrist and back braces." According to the piece, "Montgomery was identified as [the] leader of the alleged Tennessee bribery conspiracy, which prosecutors say spanned six years before being discovered in January. Federal prosecutors also charged four others: Beau Jones, 50, of Loudon; and Sarah Dacus, 36; Greg Lawson, 42; and Josh Wiley, 35; all of Knoxville."

Dallas Healthcare Center Service Provider Charged In $2.5 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme.

The Dallas Morning News (6/29, Coello, Reporter, 1.05M) reported that the operator of a Dallas healthcare practice was arrested Thursday and "faces a fraud charge after a record-breaking enforcement action by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force." A federal complaint alleges that Nehaj Rizvi, 29, who operated Life Spring Housecall Physicians, "used a physician's signature stamp to sign certifications and orders for supposedly homebound patients who did not actually need the endorsed

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treatments," according to the article. Life Spring distributed physician orders and certifications "to over 100 home health agencies, allowing them to charge Medicare about $2.5 million in false billings, according to the complaint."

Prescription Drug Pricing

Epilepsy Drug's Price Increase Highlighted.

CNN (6/29, Drash, For, 82.6M) highlighted the case of Trevor Foltz, a teen who lives with infantile spasms, a rare form of epilepsy. The treatment needed for his survival, Acthar (repository corticotropin), increased in price from $1,600 per dose to "more than $23,000," and his family "wrestled with their insurance" to get him treated "at a cost of more than $125,000." The family had to fight for another round of treatment more than a year later, meaning another cost of $125,000. The drug, first invented in the 1930s, cost $40 per vial back in 2001 and now costs $39,000 per vial. Ultimately, the steep price hike "resulted in a $100 million settlement between the government and the drugmaker – as well as revelations that Medicare has spent nearly $2 billion covering Acthar prescriptions for seniors while the drugmaker paid millions to prescribing doctors."

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Op-Ed: "American Patients First" Plan Neglects Key Elements Necessary To Reduce Drug Costs.

Hagop Kantarjian, MD, health policy fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and Vivian Ho, PhD, Baker Institute chair in health economics and director at the Center for Health and Biosciences, write in an op-ed for The Hill (7/1, 2.71M) that the Trump Administration "should reconsider thoughtfully" the "American Patients First" drug pricing proposal released in May by the Department of Health and Human Services because it "is unlikely" the plan will yield the changes necessary to cut drug costs. According to the authors, a successful plan "must address controlling drug prices through reducing the launch price of new drugs; prohibiting unjustified annual increases of prices, and protecting patients from excessive out-of-pocket expenses." However, they conclude, the "'American Patients First' road map ignores all three."

Editorial: More Policies Requiring Transparency Of PBMs Are Necessary To Combat Drug Prices.

In an editorial, the Columbus (OH) Dispatch (7/1, 399K) argues for increased transparency regarding the role of pharmacy benefit

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managers (PBMs) play in drug pricing. The Dispatch says PBMs "were once hailed as an answer to provide needed cost controls through claims management for insurers and payers," but now "have been revealed as lining their pockets" in their contracts with prescription-drug manufacturers and payers. The editorial applauds the implementation of state contracts requiring transparency about pricing from "two of the nation's largest PBMs, CVS Caremark and Optum Rx," which took effect Sunday, and calls for "Medicaid administrators, legislators, office holders and would-be office holders...[to] continue demanding more transparency until we can all be assured that consumers and taxpayers are being treated fairly."

Op-Ed Criticizes Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

In an op-ed in STAT (6/29, 27K), Scott Knoer, PharmD, the chief pharmacy officer of the Cleveland Clinic, argued that pharmacy benefit managers engage in "financial shenanigans" rather than helping "control costs for payers and lower out-of-pocket costs for plan members." Knoer contended that PBMs have been able to do this for so long because they "closely guard their complicated processes to avoid scrutiny, and require pharmacies to sign confidential agreements that shield them from visibility." And, since just three PBMs "control 73 percent of the market," there are often "abuses" of the system. Knoer detailed five ways in which PBMs "make their unparalleled high profits" – processing of claims, negotiation of rebates, the spread, or "difference between what a pharmacy benefit manager collects from the payer (such as Medicaid) for medications and the amount it pays the pharmacy that dispenses it," as well as by "forcing patients to use specific pharmacies," and via remuneration fees.

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Op-Ed: State, Federal Laws Should Empower Pharmacists To Help Manage Drug Costs.

In an op-ed in The Hill (6/29, 2.71M), Lucinda L. Maine, PhD, RPh, the Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, argued that "pharmacists are in a good position to assist" with the challenges of medication costs, "if state and federal laws would allow." She pointed out that when "patients elect not to fill a prescription or use only a few doses without finishing the course," this can increase healthcare costs. She pointed out that "the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has long advocated for legislative and regulatory changes to professional practice that would help some 200 million Americans better manage their chronic diseases so that more lives could be saved." Among the changes she suggested is "increasing public access to and coverage for pharmacists' medication management services."

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Sen. Collins Says She Will Oppose Supreme Court Pick Who Shows "Hostility" To Roe V. Wade.

The Washington Post (7/1, Long, 15.68M) reports Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) is a "key swing vote on President Trump's next Supreme Court pick" and she said she will not support "any judge who would overturn Roe v. Wade." Collins said Sunday on CNN's State of the Union, "I would not support a nominee who demonstrated hostility to Roe v. Wade."

The New York Times (7/1, Fandos, Cochrane, 19.33M) reports that Sen. Collins is "among the few remaining voices of centrism in the Republican Party," and "is one of two Republican senators who have supported abortion rights and, in the past, have shown themselves willing to break with their party."

The AP (7/1, Yen, Thomas) reports Sen. Collins explained that any judge with such hostility to precedent "would not be acceptable to me because that would indicate an activist agenda." The AP adds, "Republicans hold a narrow 51-49 majority in the Senate, and it's even closer because of the absence of ailing Sen. John McCain of Arizona."

CNN (7/1, Watkins, 82.6M) reports Collins "said when she met with President Donald Trump to discuss the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, she encouraged Trump 'to broaden his list beyond' his standing list of 25 potential choices." She said, "The President really was soliciting my views on the type of

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nominee that I was looking for," adding, "I emphasized that I wanted a nominee who would respect precedent, a fundamental tenet of our judicial system." Collins also said, "I want a judge who will apply the law to the facts of the case with fidelity to the Constitution" and "Roe v. Wade is a constitutional right that is well established, and no less an authority than Chief Justice Roberts said that repeatedly at his confirmation hearing."

Bloomberg News (7/1, Niquette, Condon, 4.46M) reports Collins said of the president's process, "I got the feeling that he was still deliberating and had not yet reached a decision, and that this was genuine outreach on his part." She added, "There are people on that list whom I could not support."

The Washington Examiner (7/1, Ayers, 340K) reports Sen. Collins pointed out that Justice Neil Gorsuch would likely not overturn Roe v. Wade. She explained, "I had a very long discussion with Justice Gorsuch in my office and he pointed out to me that he [is] the co-author of a whole book on precedent," adding, "So someone who devotes that much time to writing a book on precedent, I think, understands how important a principle that is in our judicial system."

Also reporting are Reuters (7/1, Dunsmuir), the Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) and Politico (7/1, Kullgren, 3.51M).

Most Americans Do Not Want To Overturn Roe V. Wade, Poll Says.

Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Raman, Subscription Publication)

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reported according to a survey released Friday, only 29 percent of Americans support overturning Roe v. Wade. The poll was conducted before Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced he was retiring. Among Republicans, 53 percent want the case overturned, while 81 percent of Democrats and 73 percent of independents do not.

The Hill (6/29, Hellmann, 2.71M) reported, "Sixty-eight percent of women and 65 percent of men said they want the decision to remain the law of the land." The poll was from the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Hill added, "Forty-percent of adults said they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports access to abortion services, while 30 percent said a candidate who supports abortion restrictions is more likely to get their vote."

Politico (6/29, Diamond, 3.51M) reported the poll found 67 percent of Americans "oppose rolling back constitutional protections for access to abortion." The poll also showed that "67 percent of Democrats oppose the Trump administration's proposal to prohibit federal funding from going to organizations that provide abortion services, while Republicans are nearly split" with 46 percent in support and 48 in opposition.

The Washington Examiner (6/29, Leonard, 340K) also reports.

Trump Judicial Adviser Claims None Of Top Supreme Court Candidates Have A "Clear Position" On Roe V. Wade.

The Washington Examiner (7/1, Williams, 340K) reports Leonard Leo, a "top Trump judicial adviser" and vice president of the Federalist Society,

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"none of the reportedly top individuals on the administration's shortlist of candidates to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy have a clear position on whether to overturn" the Roe v. Wade holding. Leo said, "Prospective nominees like Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Barrett, and Raymond Kethledge, and Tom Hardiman are people who have not specifically said they oppose Roe v. Wade, and their writings and their work show that they are very fair." He added, "They look at arguments from both sides all the time and they analyze them very carefully, and when they take a position, they then say these are what the other people have said about this and here's why I don't agree with them."

Advocacy Groups Plan To Spend Millions On Supreme Court Nomination Battle.

NPR (7/1, Overby, 3.55M) reports both sides of the upcoming battle over President Trump's nomination to the Supreme Court are "expected to spend tens of millions of dollars." NPR adds, "the Judicial Crisis Network, which pledged $10 million to win confirmation for Justice Neil Gorsuch last year, is gearing up again" and so are "plenty of other groups," including "the Koch brothers' Americans for Prosperity, which said it's 'prepared to commit seven figures,' the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony Fund, Heritage Action and others." The article says, "Some liberal groups say this won't be like other confirmation fights, and they hope to put the future of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, at the center."

Opinion: Ending Abortion Is The Beginning, Not The End.

Kimberly Ross wrote in the Washington Examiner (6/29, Ross, 340K) that "Abortion has reached a near-sacramental status in the Left's

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political religion" and "to encroach upon this holy ground is tantamount to war." Ross added, "One day, we hope to look back on abortion as we now do slavery and wonder how a nation built on freedom ever permitted and celebrated such a daily horror." She concluded, "While there may be a potential victory on the horizon, pro-lifers should not trick themselves into believing such a thing means our mission is accomplished."

Opinion: Antiabortion Groups Are "Laying Low" About Overturning Roe.

Jennifer Rubin wrote in the Washington Post (6/29, 15.68M) in its "Right Turn" blog that "pro-life activists are trying to lay low" about being "on the brink of achieving their dream of a 5-4 court ready to reverse Roe v. Wade." Rubin criticized their "different tune" and says, "pro-life activists should have the power of their convictions," noting, "they have spent their lives saying they want to eradicate abortion and that the American people were with them. Now is the time to have that fight."

Opinion: People Need To Mobilize Against Trump's Supreme Court Pick.

EJ Dionne Jr. writes in the Washington Post (7/1, Dionne, 15.68M) that Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) was correct when she called the replacement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy the "fight of our lives." Dionne says, "There is no choice but to mobilize." He adds, "The future of abortion rights is central to the coming battle. But so are civil rights, corporate power and our democratic capacity to correct social injustices."

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Medical Advances Have Contributed To Plunging Abortion Rates.

The New York Times (7/1, A1, Belluck, Hoffman, 19.33M) reports on its front page that "America even without legal abortion would be very different from America before abortion was legal." The article explains, "a full-fledged return to an era of back-alley, coat-hanger abortions seems improbable" because "a burst of scientific innovation has produced more effective, simpler and safer ways to prevent pregnancies and to stop them after conception – advances that have contributed to an abortion rate that has already plunged by half since the 1980s."

Iowa Supreme Court Rules Against 72-Hour Abortion Waiting Period.

The AP (6/29, Pitt) reported the Iowa Supreme Court on Friday ruled 5-2 that a state law requiring a 72-hour waiting period for abortions is unconstitutional, saying that "autonomy and dominion over one's body go to the very heart of what it means to be free." The court determined the restriction was not "narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest of the state."

Reuters (6/29, Goldberg) reported that there is a "separate challenge pending" over another provision of the law "that outlaws abortion after

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a fetal heartbeat is detected."

Also reporting were The Hill (6/29, Wise, 2.71M) and the Washington Examiner (6/29, King, 340K).

Opinion: Women Must Speak Up To Defend Abortion Rights.

Cindi Leive, former editor in chief of Glamour and Self, wrote in the New York Times (6/30, 19.33M) that as Justice Anthony Kennedy, "whose vote has helped protect abortion rights over his 30 years on the Supreme Court, prepares to retire, we are faced with the very real prospect of a court that would overturn Roe, at a time when states across the country are already restricting abortion rights." Leive emphasized the importance of women who have had an abortion sharing their stories if they feel comfortable with doing so because "silence...allows menacing myths about abortion to thrive." Leive said the right to abortion "is under greater threat than it has been in my adult lifetime," and concluded that "just as women decades ago shared their stories en masse in an effort to change inhumane laws, it's time for those of us who feel we can share to do so once again."

New Mexico Democrats Push To Repeal State Abortion Law.

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The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (6/29, McKay, 215K) reported that Democratic lawmakers in New Mexico are renewing efforts to repeal a state law that makes it a crime for an abortion provider to end a women's pregnancy, except in narrow circumstances. The push comes "in part because the retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will allow President Donald Trump to nominate his successor," according to the article.

Supreme Court Ruling Raises Doubts About Illinois Abortion Law.

The Chicago Tribune (7/1, Lourgos, 2.37M) reports the Supreme Court's recent decision to back anti-abortion pregnancy centers is raising doubts about an Illinois law that says "medical providers must inform patients about all available medical options, including abortion and contraception, even if the nurse or physician has faith-based or moral objections."

Some States Taking Action To Support ACA.

The Washington Post (7/1, Goldstein, 15.68M) reports on efforts by state governments to buttress the protections of the Affordable Care Act

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against efforts by the federal government to "erode the ACA." The Post discusses individual mandate requirements passed in New Jersey, Vermont, and DC, as well as state efforts to erect "barriers against rules the Trump administration is writing to promote short-term health plans." The Post explains how "taken together, the moves mean the nation is starting to revert to the insurance landscape of a decade ago — a hodgepodge that created the political pressures that culminated in the sweeping 2010 law" – where each state had different insurance requirements.

House Vote To Repeal Medical Device Tax May Bolster Vulnerable GOP Lawmaker.

The Hill (7/1, Sullivan, 2.71M) reports that the House is planning to vote this month on legislation that would repeal the Affordable Care Act's medical device tax, which would "satisfy industry leaders and boost the reelection prospects for the bill's sponsor," Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN), whose seat is "vulnerable." Several device makers are based in Paulsen's district. Repealing the tax is "absolutely popular in this district," according to Larry Jacobs, a political science professor at the University of Minnesota.

Sen. Durbin Says Trump Seeking Court Nominee Who Will Overturn Roe, Affordable Care Act.

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The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin said President Trump is seeking to nominate a justice to the Supreme Court who will overturn Roe v. Wade and the Affordable Care Act. Durbin said, "The president is looking for someone who will overturn Roe versus Wade. ... But even equally important, he's looking for someone on the court who will make sure that they rule that the Affordable Care Act's protection of those with preexisting conditions is unconstitutional."

Trump Administration Proposes Cuts To ACA Navigators.

The Hill (6/29, Sullivan, 2.71M) reported the Trump Administration has proposed cutting the funding for Affordable Care Act navigators from $36 million last year to $10 million this year. The Administration cut the funding from $63 million to $36 million in 2017. While a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services "did not respond to a request for comment," but sources "say that proposal now could be walked back, and it is possible funding could remain the same as last year, but it is unclear where the final number will end up."

Health Insurers Offering ACA Plans In More States, But At Higher Premiums.

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The Washington Examiner (7/2, Leonard, 340K) reports that even though health insurers are planning to expand their participation under the Affordable Care Act, the "trend is coming at the expense of higher premiums for certain customers." The "entrance by insurers into Obamacare is a reversal from years of exits." The Examiner reports that Oscar Health is expanding into three new states; Centene "has filed in North Carolina and Tennessee;" and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Molina, and Medica are also adding states.

Obama Told Trump To Take Credit For ACA.

The Hill (6/29, Sullivan, 2.71M) reported former President Barack Obama revealed Thursday that he told President Trump, "Just change the name and claim that you made these wonderful changes and I would be like, 'You go.'" Obama added, "Because I didn't have pride of authorship, I just wanted people to have health care."

Newsweek (6/29, Touchberry, 2.18M) reports that "Obama reiterated Thursday that he did not take up the issue of health care because he wanted to preserve his legacy or receive credit." Obama said, "The idea that I somehow took on health care just because I thought it was fun or it would somehow burnish my legacy is nuts," adding, "Because we knew going [into] 2008 that every president since Teddy Roosevelt had failed to do what every other advanced democracy in the world has done."

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Insurance Premiums Set To Sharply Rise Next Year In New York.

Newsday (NY) (7/1, Polsky, 1.52M) reports that insurance premiums in New York state are positioned to "rise sharply in January, as measures to undercut the Affordable Care Act start to take effect." The 14 insurers in the state "are asking for a weighted-average hike of 24 percent, with individual requests ranging from an actual rate cut to up to a 38.6 percent increase." Newsday adds, "The highest rate was requested by Fidelis Care, which has the highest percentage of individual enrollment in 2018, with 41 percent of enrollees with qualified health plans."

Medica To Add Two More States: Missouri, Oklahoma.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/29, Snowbeck, 1.16M) reports health insurer Medica is planning on expanding next year into individual insurance markets in Missouri and Oklahoma. The growth brings the insurer's total to eight states. The Star Tribune points out, "While many health insurers over the past two years have fled red ink in the individual market under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medica has grown from its base in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin into Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska."

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University Of Mississippi Medical Center To Continue Treating Blue Cross Patients As In-Network During Mediation Process.

The Jackson (MS) Clarion Ledger (6/29, Wolfe, 287K) reported the University of Mississippi Medical Center has agreed to continue treating patients with insurance from Blue Cross &Blue Shield as "in-network" while the two attempt to resolve a contract dispute. Both sides have agreed to meet with a "professional mediator."

Opinion: IRS Should Let Workers Spend Pretax Money On Healthcare.

Regina Herzlinger, a Harvard Business School professor, and Joel Klein, chief policy and strategy officer at Oscar Health, writes the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) that healthcare is becoming an unsustainable expense as the Milliman Medical Index estimates that insurance for an American family of four was $28,000 this year. They propose a solution to have the Internal Revenue Service permit workers to buy health insurance using pretax dollars, like employers.

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Editorial: Minnesota Helps Bring Insurance Premiums Down, But Faces Funding "Cliff."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/30, 1.16M) editorialized that insurers in Minnesota are proposing rate decreases on the individual market by 7 to 12 percent. The editorial explained that the state legislature's "reinsurance" program "played a played a lead role in keeping rates down." The piece adds, "A different and far more daunting health care challenge looms: a towering state funding cliff that could weaken Minnesota's health-care-driven economy and undermine coverage for 982,000 Minnesotans relying on public programs."

Op-Ed: Most Physicians Unaware Of Ways They Can Reduce Healthcare Costs For Patients.

Hussain Lalani, resident physician in Dallas, Texas, writes in a column for the Dallas Morning News (6/29, 1.05M) that as one of more than 30,000 new physicians beginning medical residency July 1, he is "concerned that we will contribute to the $750 billion epidemic of excessive health care spending...and risk financially hurting our patients if we do not know the cost of what we prescribe." Lalani explained, "Most patients want their doctors to talk about costs of care with them. ... Yet, most doctors don't know the specific costs of what they prescribe." He noted that often, there are "cheaper, equally effective alternatives" physicians can use to minimize healthcare costs.

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Human Services News

HHS Provides Maine Group With $200K Grant For Health Work.

The AP (7/1) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services has provided a $200,000 grant to help the Aroostook County, Maine Action Program "connect more residents with health services." Sens. Angus King (I-ME) and Susan Collins (R-ME) "say the action program plays an important role in linking residents of far northern Maine to services."

July 1 Marks Change In Arizona Child Welfare Laws.

The Arizona Republic (7/1, 1.21M) reports that July 1 marked a change

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in Arizona's child-welfare proceedings. As of that date, "except in emergency situations, child welfare workers will no longer be able to remove a child from her home to protect against abuse or neglect without first getting a court's permission." While critics hope the change will end what they refer to as the "warrantless seizures" of children, "the experience of other states, and the expectations of the lawmakers who championed the legislation, suggests it will have a more subtle effect on the number of child removals."

District Of Columbia Extends Deadline For Daycare Workers To Meet New Education Requirements.

The Washington Post (6/29, Stein, 15.68M) reported that Washington, DC's government has extended a deadline for the city's "daycare employees to meet stricter education requirements after workers in the field argued that the new rules were unrealistic to complete." Two years ago, the city enacted some of the "most advanced education requirements for childcare workers" in the US, but faced "a backlash, with critics arguing that childcare workers are often paid minimum wage and there is little incentive for them to obtain higher degrees." On June 29, the city announced it would provide "employees an additional one to four years to complete certification or degree requirements."

The AP (6/30) reported that "lead teachers in child care centers now have until December 2023 instead of 2020 to earn an associate's degree," while "requirements for assistant teachers, home caregivers and associate home caregivers were pushed back from 2018 to 2019."

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Ohio Hasn't Used $5M Designated For At-Risk Youth In 2018.

The AP (7/1) reports that so far, Ohio has not spent any of the $5 million it has designated in 2018 "for services for troubled youth on the cusp of being removed from their homes or at risk of entering the justice or foster-care systems." Money from the so-called "crisis stabilization fund" was earmarked "to help pay for support groups, child care, transportation and other expenses," and "county Family and Children First councils were given the task of making local plans to administer the funds." Child welfare advocates argue that "stipulations attached to the federally funded program have caused roadblocks."

Maine Governor Vetoes Bills To Increase Reimbursement Rates For Direct Care Workers.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (6/29, Pols, 157K) reported that on the evening of June 29, Gov. Paul LePage (R-ME) vetoed two measures that would have boosted "reimbursement rates for the agencies that hire direct care workers who provide key support for adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as those who care for the elderly in nursing homes." Last week, the Legislature unanimously passed a measure affecting workers who care for "intellectually disable d adults," and supporters hope they will be able to gather "the two-thirds majority necessary to

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override the governor's veto when lawmakers return on July 9." The current veto, however, means pay rates reverted to 2017 levels as of July 1, and workers were set to "face an immediate 12 percent pay cut," according to Maine Association for Community Service Providers Executive Director Lydia Dawson, to a pay level of $9.17 per hour, less than the minimum wage.

Food &Import Safety

Wish-Bone Recalls Salad Dressing For Possible Allergens.

The Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (7/1, 252K) reports, "Pinnacle Foods Inc. is recalling 7,768 cases of Wish-Bone House Italian salad dressing distributed nationwide after learning from a customer that some bottles were mislabeled," according to the FDA. The voluntary recall pertains to "15-ounce bottles which may not list milk or egg, potential allergens, as ingredients," and impacts products with a "Best If Used By" date of Jan. 13, 2019.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/1, Krueger, 521K) reports,

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"According to the company, 7,768 cases of the recalled product was distributed."

Nutrition &Obesity

Beverage Industry Scores "Defining Victory" In Banning Soda Taxes In California.

The Washington Post (6/30, Dewey, 15.68M) reported that the beverage industry "scored a defining victory" in its battle against soda taxes last week when California lawmakers voted to bar future local taxes on sugary drinks. According to the Post, "under the fast-moving ban introduced June 23 and signed into law five days later, no new food or beverage taxes can be passed in the state until 2031 at the earliest." The article said that the law "represents a significant, if long-anticipated, shift among the nation's soda makers, who have previously fought taxes, city by city, and expended millions of dollars in the process."

Fortune (6/29, Mukherjee, 3.91M) examined how such a measure

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seems unlikely in a state known for progressive policies and attributed to passing of the legislation to a "successful, no-holds-barred campaign by the beverage industry and its supporters to nix even the possibility of local soda taxes in exchange for standing down on a controversial tax-related ballot measure."

In commentary published by The Hill (7/1, 2.71M), Larry Cohen, the executive director of the nonprofit Prevention Institute, maintains that the "new law banning soda taxes in California is a setback." But when teenage health advocates from Stockton "urged lawmakers to stand with communities like theirs and put people's health over corporate profits," the "other side was conspicuously quiet" so, we "won't give up on reigning in the soda industry."

Also reporting were Kaiser Health News (6/29, Young) and U.S. News &World Report (6/29, Lardieri, 1.97M).

Medicare

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CMS To Test Medicare Advantage Plans As APMs.

Modern Healthcare (6/29, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported the CMS "wants to launch an experiment that allows doctors in Medicare Advantage plans to qualify as participating in an alternative pay model." Clinicians in Medicare Advantage plans "have urged the CMS to consider those plans as APMs since some are offering risk-based contracts."

Medicaid &CHIP

Sununu Signs Reauthorized Medicaid Expansion Bill.

The AP (6/29) reports Republican Gov. Chris Sununu "has signed a bill to continue New Hampshire's expanded Medicaid program for another five years." The current program "uses Medicaid funds to purchase private health plans for about 50,000 low-income residents. It would have expired this year if lawmakers didn't reauthorize it." The bill "also changes its structure to a more cost-effective managed care model."

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The New Hampshire Union Leader (6/29, 122K) quoted Sununu saying, "This is probably the biggest single piece of landmark legislation I have been involved with as governor." The Nashua (NH) Telegraph (6/30, 44K) reported that the law "still needs federal approval for some of the waivers it is seeking, such as for the work requirement for able-bodied, childless adults."

Maine Governor Vetoes Medicaid Expansion Funding.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (6/29, 157K) reported Maine Gov. Paul LePage "vetoed a $60 million Medicaid expansion funding bill Friday, an expected move that sets up a veto override vote by lawmakers when they return on July 9." LePage "said in a statement Friday evening that he vetoed the bill, passed by the Legislature last week, because lawmakers acted in a fiscally irresponsible manner."

The AP (7/1, Villeneuve) reported Maine "is the only state whose voters have approved expanding Medicaid to low-income residents, but expansion originally set for Monday is in limbo as a legal battle between the fiscally conservative governor and advocates continues."

Maine's Medicaid Program To Cover Chiropractic Exams.

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The AP (6/30) reports Maine's Medicaid program "will start covering chiropractic exams under a new law," which is expected to require "about $67,000 from Maine's general fund and $122,000 in federal funds."

Idaho GOP Committee Passes Resolution Opposing Medicaid Expansion Initiative.

The Idaho Press Tribune (6/29) reported the Idaho Republican Party's resolutions committee "approved a resolution this morning opposing the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative, in one of the first resolutions to gain support during the 2018 GOP convention, reports Bryan Clark of the Idaho Falls Post Register." The resolution, "drafted and submitted by the Bonneville County Central Committee, passed on an overwhelming voice vote in the committee, though there was a small group of dissenters."

The AP (6/29, Kruesi) reported the resolution – which "still needs to win approval from delegates during Saturday's general session – warns 'the current Medicaid program is already cannibalizing dollars for schools and roads by growing at a faster rate than other major programs and expansion will further erode support for other critical spending needs.'"

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Iowa's New Private Medicaid Company Has "Troubled Past."

The Des Moines (IA) Register (7/1, Clayworth, 292K) reports that an investigation shows that "the corporation selected to help manage Iowa's controversial privatized Medicaid system has faced serious charges of mismanagement resulting in at least $23.6 million in penalties in more than a dozen states." Iowa Total Care, a subsidiary of Centene, "was awarded a state Medicaid contract in May by the Iowa Department of Human Services despite scoring nearly 14 points lower on its evaluation than when it had applied and was rejected in 2015, public records show." But with "only two companies bidding for the work, Iowa Total Care won a spot managing Iowa's annual $4.8 billion Medicaid program."

Arkansas Suspends Medicaid Payments To Missouri Nonprofit After Arrest.

The AP (6/30) reports authorities in Arkansas "have suspended Medicaid payments to a Missouri nonprofit after a former executive with the agency was arrested as part of a scheme to improperly bill almost $2.3 million in claims for mental health services." Citing the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the AP reports that the suspension Friday of Medicaid payments "comes a day after Robin Raveendran, formerly executive vice president for Preferred Family Healthcare, was arrested on two counts of Medicaid fraud."

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Ohio Medicaid Execs Criticized For Defending Pharmacy Middlemen.

The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (7/1, 399K) reports that criticism "rained down" on Ohio Medicaid executives during a legislative hearing last week as they "reported on findings by a consultant who delved into practices of pharmacy benefit managers, which play the role of middlemen between Medicaid's managed care outfits and Ohio pharmacies."

Iowa Hospital Association Says State Has No Data To Support Medicaid Savings Claim.

The Cedar Rapids (IA) Gazette (7/1, Ramm, 146K) reports the Iowa Hospital Association said Iowa Medicaid Enterprises Director Michael Randol has no data to back up his claim that the state's managed-care model is saving money. The IHA says the state is saving money "because the Medicaid insurance companies are not adequately reimbursing health care providers for their services," according to the article.

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West Virginia Medicaid Waiver Expands Options For Substance Abuse Treatment.

The Exponent Telegram (WV) (7/1, Snoderly) reports that the second phase of a Medicaid waiver in West Virginia has been "rolled out" which will focus "more on intensive services for individuals with substance use disorders, according to Bureau of Medical Services Commissioner Cindy Beane." The waiver allows the state to sidestep the Institutions for Mental Diseases Medicaid exclusion that "prohibits the use of federal funds for care provided to patients in mental health facilities with more than 16 beds." West Virginia was "awarded the waiver in October 2017, making it the fifth state to receive the approval."

Article Examines Why Tennessee Has Not Expanded Medicaid.

The Tennessean (6/29, Allison, 513K) featured an article that examined why the state has not been among those to expand Medicaid. The piece highlighted a way to cover Tennessee's 10% share of Medicaid expansion cost, and how it could lower insurance premiums.

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Health &Medical News

Scientists Warn On Increased Mortality Risk From Prolonged Sitting.

NBC Nightly News Video (6/29, story 12, 0:20, Holt, 6.8M) reported American Cancer Society scientists warn that sitting for at least six hours a day can "lead to a nearly 20 percent higher risk of death, compared with people who sat for just three hours." They said, "Spending all that time sitting was linked to 14 diseases."

People Fail To Properly Wash Hands While Cooking 97 Percent Of The Time, Study Finds.

USA Today (6/29, Molina, 11.4M) reported, "Ahead of Fourth of July grilling, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering a reminder to wash our hands" properly.

TIME (6/30, Ducharme, 19.27M) reported, "People fail to properly wash

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their hands while cooking 97% of the time, potentially opening them up to food-borne illnesses such as salmonella, norovirus and E. coli," research indicated. The findings came from a US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service study.

US Evacuates More Americans From China Following Mystery Illness Complaints.

The Wall Street Journal (7/1, Chen, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that at least nine Americans have been medically evacuated from the Chinese city of Guangzhou following complaints of abnormal aural sensations similar to those experienced by US diplomats in Cuba last year. To date, only one American in China has been confirmed as having symptoms and clinical findings consistent with those experienced by U.S. diplomats in Cuba, according to the Journal. However, US embassy staff were told in June that the evacuations of the Americans were not all connected to the mysterious symptoms.

The New York Times (6/30, Myers, 19.33M) said the State Department "evacuated at least 11 Americans from China" after abnormal sounds or sensations were reported by government employees at the US Consulate in Guangzhou.

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Most People Apply Too Little Sunscreen.

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, McGinty, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that many people do not apply enough sunscreen, and dermatologists sometimes have difficulty explaining how much should be used. Sandy Walsh, a spokeswoman for the FDA, said, "The amount of sunscreen applied for each consumer will be based on their specific attributes including body size, the amount of body hair and sensitivity to the sun." The article also pointed out that a study published earlier this year in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology indicated that using sunscreens that have an SPF that is higher than 50 is beneficial.

Being Married May Reduce Risk Of Heart Disease, Cardiovascular Death, Review Suggests.

The New York Times (6/29, Bakalar, 19.33M) reported that a review suggests "being married may reduce the risk of heart disease and cardiovascular death." The findings were published in the BMJ.

Researchers Developing Artificial Ovary To Help Young Cancer Patients Preserve Fertility.

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On its website, CNN (7/1, Scutti, 82.6M) reports a group of Danish researchers developing an artificial ovary "have engineered a 'scaffold' on which early-stage cells can develop into functional ovarian follicles," which could help younger cancer patients preserve their "fertility from the impact of cancer treatments, experts say." Researchers will present the study Monday at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

Immunotherapy "Revolution" Is "Greatest Hope Yet" For Beating Cancer.

The Telegraph (UK) (7/2, Vonderheide, 976K) reports that new cancer treatments "that harness the patient's immune system mark the 'end of the beginning' of the fight against cancer." The story of immunotherapy drugs "has radically altered how we treat some of the most common and deadly cancers – and our work applying those approaches to tackle even more of them."

FDA Approves First Drug To Reduce Excessive Sweating.

The AP (6/29, Johnson) reported that on June 29, the Food and Drug

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Administration "approved the first drug developed specifically to reduce excessive sweating," Qbrexza (glycopyrronium), manufactured by Dermira. The drug will be "inside a cloth wiped over the skin daily to block sweat glands from activating." The drug will start being available in October.

Reuters (6/29, Mishra) reported, "Currently, Allergan's (AGN.N) Botox injection is used to treat" excessive sweating, and "other treatments include antiperspirants and costlier alternatives such as laser therapy, as well as localized surgery like liposuction to remove sweat glands." Cowen analysts have estimated the drug could have "sales of $250 million to $300 million by 2023."

Newsweek (6/29, Spear, 2.18M) reported that "in one study, 53 percent of patients said Qbrexza reduced sweat production by roughly half, versus 28 percent in a comparison group using a non-medicated cloth, the drug company reported."

Also covering the story were Forbes (6/30, Lee, 10.34M) and TIME (6/30, Ducharme, 19.27M).

CDC Warns Of Shingrix Vaccine Shortage.

CBS News (6/29, 6.78M) reported on its website that the Centers for

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Disease Control and Prevention has warned about a shortage of the Shingrix shingles vaccine. On "CBS This Morning" on June 30, Dr. David Agus said, "It's a really potent, excellent vaccine. I got it myself. And this is a vaccine where the old vaccine worked 30, 40 percent of the time. This is 97 percent of the time." He offered advice for people attempting to find the vaccine, adding, "Call ahead to a pharmacy. Make sure they have it. You can get it at a pharmacy, your doctor's office."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/29, Schaefer, 1.07M) reported on the high demand for the Shingrix vaccine, pointing out that "a quick check of some pharmacies in the Philadelphia region found the vaccine was still available, but not at all locations." The Inquirer reported that Shingrix's maker, GlaxoSmithKline, "has recommended that people who need the second of the two-dose series of the vaccine get priority."

Police Investigate Elder Abuse Against Comic Book Creator Stan Lee, 95.

The AP (6/30, Dalton) reported that, after the death last July of Joan, "his wife of 69 years and partner in all things," comic book creator Stan Lee, 95, "has found himself in the middle of a fight over his finances and legacy that has led to lawsuits, a restraining order and a police investigation of elder abuse." The article used Lee's case to make the larger point that "Lee's status as a celebrity in declining mental health and vulnerable to exploitation has many precedents and may become increasingly common as a wave of wealthy baby boomers reaches old age." A restraining order against a memorabilia collector alleged that

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the collector "isolated him from associates, friends and relatives, which is considered a form of elder abuse."

Mississippi Public Agencies Must Now Cover Increased Share Of Worker Pensions.

The AP (6/29, Amy) reported, "Public agencies in Mississippi will have to contribute another $100 million toward worker pensions beginning July 1, 2019, after a vote by the state Public Employees Retirement System's board." Employers will now be required to provide 17.4 percent of a worker's salary, up from 15.75 percent, while workers will continue to contribute 9% of their own paychecks. The state's retirement system currently has 61 percent of the assets needed to cover future benefits. approved changes indicate that the state's retirement plan will be 100 percent funded by 2047, although that remains heavily reliant on the projected rate of investment returns.

Surveys: Financially Independent Millenials Are Happier Than Those With Money Worries.

CNBC (7/1, 4.81M) reports on its website that a decade-long study by the National Endowment for Financial Education found that financially independent millenials tended to be more confident and happier overall.

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NEFE Chief Executive Officer Ted Beck said that the path to financial independence begins long before college, urging parents to have regular discussions with their children on financial responsibility. Similarly, a recent survey from T. Rowe Price found that "young adults who discussed money with their parents are more likely to have a budget, more likely to have an emergency fund, more likely to put 10 percent or more of their income toward savings and more likely to have a retirement account."

Retirees Increasingly Becoming Entrepreneurs, Cites AARP Study.

As part of a series, "Silver Linings," on the issues of New Hampshire's aging population, the New Hampshire Union Leader (7/1, Baker, 122K) reports the rising number of retirees starting businesses as entrepreneurs. The article cites Small Business Administration data that the number of people aged 62 and older who are self-employed is "rising" nationwide. It also cites a 2015 AARP survey that "only" 10 percent of New Hampshire residents aged 50 and older plan to retire and never return to work.

Study Reveals Views On Social Media Bias.

The Washington Times (6/29, Sabes, 460K) reported that a new Pew

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Research Center poll of about 5,000 people found that 85 percent of Republicans believe social media sites tend to bias what they show, and 72 percent of Americans believe social media sites censor political views. Younger adults tended to trust social medias sites more than older respondents, with 67 percent of those 18 to 29 years of age saying that the websites censor views, while 81 percent of "seniors" believe that they do.

Hospitals Across US Experiencing Shortages Of Beds For Children With Mental Health Illnesses.

NBC Nightly News Video (6/29, story 8, 4:05, Holt, 6.8M) reported on a "growing crisis" in American hospitals: "there are simply not enough beds to accommodate kids who need to be hospitalized" for mental illnesses. According to NBC News, "the crisis is nationwide, with nearly a 40-percent increase in psychiatric visits to emergency rooms." One hospital in Kansas said it turned away 2,000 children last year alone, NBC added.

Colorado Hospital Sues Patient For Surgery Bill, Highlighting Alleged Price Gouging.

The Denver Post (6/29, Osher, 755K) reported on a patient in Colorado

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who underwent spinal-fusion surgery at the nonprofit St. Anthony North Health Campus and was later sued by the hospital for $229,112.13 for unpaid medical bills. The article said the case highlights "a growing conflict over skyrocketing health care costs pitting employer-based, self-funded insurance plans against hospitals," and added that "a growing number of employers are refusing to pay the full amount of the hospital bills of their workers due to alleged price gouging by the hospitals." The piece continued, "As justification, they point to data that consultants have unearthed showing wide disparities in hospital billing."

Oklahoma Drafts Rules To Regulate Medical Marijuana Following Successful Legalization.

The AP (6/30) reported that Oklahomans voted to legalize medical marijuana Tuesday "via State Question 788, which passed with about 57 percent support in an election with unusually high turnout." Now, the state health department is circulating draft rules to regulate medical marijuana licenses for patients, caregivers, and businesses in a move to tighten the new legislation that the AP said is "broad." The proposed rules would ban "dispensaries near schools, indoor smoking in public places and psychoactive gummy bears," and "lay out guidance for doctors interested in recommending marijuana, patients who want to use it and businesses looking to grow, process or sell it."

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Many Families Still Live With Arsenic, Lead In Everett, Washington.

The AP (6/30) reported that "nearly three decades" after Washington state discovered large amounts of arsenic and lead in properties surrounding a former smelter site in Everett, "about 150 homeowners are still waiting for the contamination to be cleaned up." So far, about 350 properties have been cleaned up using a $34 million settlement, but the fund only has enough to remediate 20 more properties in 2019.

Delaware Lawmakers Vote To Ban Powdered Alcohol.

The AP (6/30, Chase) reported that Delaware lawmakers gave final approval to a bill "outlawing the manufacture, sale and use of powdered alcoholic beverages." Enactment of the legislation would make Delaware the 37th state to ban "powdered substances that form alcoholic drinks when reconstituted with liquid." According to the AP, "the American Medical Association has called for a nationwide ban on powdered alcohol, which critics say carries the risk of more potent drinks and harmful overconsumption."

Angelman Syndrome Receives Its Own Medical Code.

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The Atlantic (6/29, Yong, 3.08M) reported that Angelman syndrome has been granted its own medical code, Q93.51, under the International Classification of Diseases. The article said the medical standard allows researchers "to interrogate large databases and find out how many patients have a particular disorder, what secondary problems they experience, what treatments they typically receive, how many times they're admitted to the hospital, and more. Insurers use them to decide what treatments should be reimbursed."

California Vaccine Skeptic Put On Probation By State Medical Board.

The Los Angeles Times (6/29, Karlamangla, 4.03M) reported that the Medical Board of California has ordered 35 months' probation for Dr. Bob Sears, "an Orange County pediatrician well-known for being sympathetic to parents opposed to vaccines." According to the Times, "Sears can keep practicing medicine but will be required to take 40 hours of medical education courses a year, as well as an ethics class, and also be monitored by a fellow doctor." In addition, he "must notify all hospital and medical facilities where he practices of the order and is not allowed to supervise physician assistants or nurse practitioners."

Opinion: Antibacterial Debate Must Weigh Risks, Benefits.

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Bloomberg View (6/29, 4.46M) opinion columnist Faye Flam wrote about the safety concerns surrounding the antibacterial chemical triclosan, and highlighted recent evidence which showed the chemical can have negative side effects. Flam wrote, "There's only one rational way out of this bind: to think about safety not as a black or white issue, but to consider risk-benefit ratios." Flam said "the FDA did consider both sides of the equation in 2016, when it required companies to phase triclosan out of soaps and body washes, citing safety concerns and lack of evidence for any benefit."

Woman's Facebook Post Says Menthol Shaving Cream Soothes Sunburns.

TODAY (6/29, Murray, 1.19M) reported that in a Facebook post, a woman discusses her "trick to getting rid of sunburn," which is "applying menthol shaving cream on the burn, which the poster said 'takes the heat out' and soothes skin." However, "dermatologists say it's no magic solution for sunburns, although it might provide some relief."

AMA President-Elect Profiled.

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The AP (7/1, Severino) profiles Patrice Harris, MD, who "will become the 174th president of the AMA in June 2019, and is now serving as president-elect." Dr. Harris "was elected to the post earlier this month." The AP adds, "In her vision for the AMA, Harris said she wants to improve the education of up and coming medical professionals." The article also points out that Dr. Harris "served on the American Psychiatric Association board and was later named by the APA as a delegate to the AMA."

AARP Dedicates $60 Million To Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund.

Health IT Analytics (6/29) reported the AARP's Brain Health Fund has vowed to "invest $60 million in the Dementia Discovery Fund (DDF) to accelerate the development of innovative treatments for dementia and Alzheimer's disease." The research is considered "vital for dementia treatment as the condition becomes more and more prevalent," the piece said, adding, "NIH also recently convened a group of leading experts to discuss how to best foster a collaborative research environment and use precision medicine to ultimately discover a cure for these chronic, degenerative conditions."

Ohio, Washington Officials Confirm West Nile Virus-Carrying Mosquitoes.

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Newsweek (6/29, Spear, 2.18M) reported Ohio and Washington health officials "are urging people to protect themselves against mosquitoes after insects in these states tested positive for the West Nile virus." Data from the Ohio Department of Health showed "mosquitoes near Alexandria, Johnstown and Harrison Township in Ohio had the virus," while Washington officials "discovered a pool of mosquitos that tested positive for the virus in Benton County." The article added that the National Institutes of Health says severe cases of West Nile virus in humans can "affect the nervous system, and trigger conditions including meningitis, and inflammation of the brain called encephalitis."

Michigan's Detroit Area Becoming A "Hotspot" For Vaccination Waivers, Study Suggests.

The Detroit News (7/1, 710K) reports that according to health researchers, a growing number of "parents choosing not to vaccinate their children for non-medical reasons" has led to the rise of "'hotspots' across the country and in Metro Detroit." The piece says that since 2009, "the number of kindergarten-age children enrolling in school with non-medical waivers has climbed in 12 of 18 states that allow the exemptions, according to a peer-reviewed study published June 12 in the Public Library of Science journal PLOS Medicine." Cities including "Troy, Warren and Detroit were among the areas in Michigan where more than 400 kindergartners had received the non-medical vaccination exemptions, according to the PLOS report."

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WPost: Stalling Malaria Fight Could Jeopardize Children's Lives.

The Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) editorial says that while the number of malaria cases and deaths have declined steadily for a decade and a half as "global public-health officials have been at war" with the disease, the "battle shows signs of stalling." In 2016, "the number of malaria cases went up to 215 million, from 210 million the year before," the Post says, adding that malaria "kills more than 445,000 people annually, about 70 percent of them children under 5 years old." The Post adds that the fight against malaria will be won "by action on many fronts. A stall, after so much promise, would be terrible and costly."

Indiana Resident Contracts Rare Flu Strain After Exposure To Pigs At Fair.

The Indianapolis Star (7/1, Fittes, 477K) reports health officials are warning Indiana residents "to take preventative measures this fair season, after an Indiana resident caught the influenza virus following a visit to a county fair." In what is "the first human case of the H3N2 influenza in the Indiana since 2013, and first case reported nationwide this year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," a resident has been sickened with a flu strain "commonly associated with contact with pigs, the Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Board of Animal Health said in a statement Friday."

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Op-Ed: New Chemotherapy Study Underscores Importance Of Non-Inferiority Trials.

Contributor Dr. Conor Lavelle wrote for Quartz (6/29, 788K) that a study published in New England Journal of Medicine assessing the effectiveness of "chemotherapy for a specific, common variant of breast cancer...found that thousands of women may not actually need to undergo the intensive, painful treatment." Dr. Lavelle considers this "another important victory for something called a 'non-inferiority trial,'" which "is arguably our most powerful weapon in the war against unnecessary or harmful pharmaceuticals – and it starts with putting people first."

Loved One's Cancer Diagnosis Can Spur Others To Seek Preventive Care.

U.S. News &World Report (6/29, Howley, 1.97M) examined the impact of watching a loved one endure cancer treatment, noting it "can have a hyper-focusing effect for many people." The article spotlighted the case of one woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer and whose daughter after determining that the family had a history of "known breast-cancer causing mutation" on their BRCA2 genes. The ordeal caused the daughter to undergo genetic testing, finding that she "tested

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positive for the same mutation as her mother" and prompting her to undergo a double mastectomy. The piece noted that the National Cancer Institute reports "about 69 percent of women who inherit a harmful BRCA2 mutation will develop breast cancer by the age of 80."

Congress Passes Firefighter Cancer Registry Act.

The Springfield (MA) Republican (6/29, Flynn, 412K) reported Congress has passed the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, which "allows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the Secretary of Health and Human Services to create a voluntary and inclusive national registry that would allow scientists and others to track job-related cancer incidence for both career and volunteer firefighters." The legislation also "authorizes $2.5 million for each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022 to carry out this broader collection of data to help improve measures to protect firefighters." The piece added that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in 2010 "began a five-year study of nearly 30,000 firefighters" which found they "have a greater number of cancer diagnoses and cancer-related deaths," which helped spur the creation of the legislation.

Amazon's Latest Deal Shows It Plans To Disrupt How Industry Cares For Chronically Ill.

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STAT Plus (6/29, Ross, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported that Amazon's acquisition of the home delivery pharmacy PillPack makes clear the company's ambitions to "not only fundamentally change treatment of U.S. patients, it wants a large chunk of the $370 billion market for selling and distributing their prescription drugs." The PillPack deal "gives Amazon the infrastructure to become a national seller of prescription drugs," noting that "PillPack is already an in-network pharmacy for all the largest pharmacy benefit managers." STAT Plus adds, "To turn the corner in the pharmacy business – and lower costs within its own ranks – Amazon will need to figure out how to improve services for the chronically ill population."

US Judge Rules AbbVie, AndroGel Partner Owe $448 Million In Antitrust Case.

Reuters (6/29, Raymond) reported that on June 29, US District Judge Harvey Bartle in Philadelphia ruled "that pharmaceutical company AbbVie Inc. used sham litigation to illegally prevent generic versions of testosterone replacement drug AndroGel from getting to market and ordered the drugmaker and its partner to pay $448 million." The ruling was for an antitrust suit filed in 2014 by the FTC against both AbbVie and partner Besins Healthcare. The FTC had alleged AbbVie and Besins filed "baseless patent infringement lawsuits in 2011 against generic drugmakers Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd and Perrigo Company to delay the launch of their generic versions of AndroGel."

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Amazon's PillPack Deal May Provide It With Access To Sensitive Health Data.

The Wall Street Journal (7/1, Stevens, Terlep, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that Amazon's acquisition of PillPack will provide it with information about people's prescriptions, a move into the health and medical records space which the Journal describes as much more detailed than Amazon's previous efforts to track customers' purchases of things such as movies or toiletries. The Journal reports that an Amazon spokeswoman said the company plans to comply with regulations, including HIPAA.

WSJournal: Amazon's PillPack Deal Will Benefit Consumers, Force Competitors To Improve.

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorialized that Amazon's acquisition of online pharmacy PillPack will enable the company to grow rapidly to compete with drugstore industry giants. The combination will help patients get drugs faster and cheaper and will force competitors to improve service, the Journal adds. The article concludes Amazon's decision to enter the drug delivery industry is welcome, and could benefit consumers in the long run.

Similarly, a Forbes (6/29, 10.34M) column written by Christopher

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Walton suggested that Amazon's entry into the industry will likely have an impact on CVS and Walgreens.

Meanwhile, for Bloomberg View (6/29, 4.46M), Faye Flam wrote, "If Amazon's move to disrupt health care is going to make Americans any healthier, the improvement is most likely to take place in the business of getting prescription drugs to patients more reliably."

More Suits Filed Against Florida Drugmaker Accused Of Selling Contaminated Medicines.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel (6/29, Hurtibise, 601K) reported that more suits have been filed against South Florida drugmaker PharmaTech LLC and its principals and distributors. The company is now facing seven suits "on behalf of patients said to have been sickened or killed, including three infants who reportedly died after being given a liquid stool softener made by the company." The company vacated its Davie, FL plant in June 2017 following FDA inspection reports in August 2016 and May 2017 that "identified numerous quality control deficiencies in its manufacturing processes," the Sentinel reported. The latest suit, filed in June in Broward County Circuit Court, identified the victim of an outbreak of water-borne bacteria "as Londyn Simone Manuel, who was born with a congenital heart defect in December 2016, and died before turning 8 months old after being given liquid docusate" made by the company.

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District Court Extends Indivior's Order Blocking Launch Of US Generic Addiction Treatment.

Reuters (6/29, Varghese) reported that on June 29, the US Court for the District of New Jersey "extended a restraining order blocking" Mylan NV and Dr. Reddy's from launching a generic version of Indivior's Suboxone (buprenorphine and naloxone) Film, an opioid addiction treatment that generates around 80% of Indivior's revenue. "Indivior said its temporary restraining order (TRO) issued on June 15 had been extended for another 14 days, during which time the U.S. court for the District of New Jersey will consider the application and issue a ruling on the injunction."

FDA Cites Mylan For Morgantown Plant Manufacturing Issues.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/29, Sabatini, 507K) reported that on June 28, Mylan announced the FDA cited it in April for manufacturing issues at its Morgantown, WV plant. Among the issues an FDA inspection report cited were "numerous instances of a lack of appropriate oversight by the quality unit," along with problems related to "cleaning procedures used to prevent cross-contamination of drug ingredients." In a statement, Mylan said, "The company has submitted a comprehensive response to the agency and committed to a robust improvement plan."

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Report: Nearly All Online Pharmacies Illegal.

Newsweek (7/1, Hugo, 2.18M) reports that "if you buy drugs from an online pharmacy, there's a good chance that exchange is illegal – or worse." In a report on darknet opioid sales, the Center for Safe Internet Pharmacies "found that people on both the darknet and surface web sell drugs like opioid painkillers through online 'pharmacies,' 97 percent of which operate illegally, according to the FDA." Many of these online "pharmacies" are actually "drug-dealing websites set up to look like they simply sell prescription pills to those in need, and some claim to offer prescriptions." CSIP Executive Director Marjorie Clifton "said that some non-opioid-selling pharmacies are legal, if they follow certain rules," such as having "brick-and-mortar locations," as well as being "licensed in every state that they sell to."

Missouri Appeals Court Rejects $55 Million Verdict Against Johnson &Johnson In Talc Powder Suit.

Reuters (6/29, Bellon) reported that on June 29, a Missouri appeals court "threw out a $55 million verdict against Johnson &Johnson in a lawsuit by a woman who claimed she developed ovarian cancer after using talc-based products, including J&J's baby powder." The appeals court's decision to dismiss the 2016 verdict cited "a 2017 U.S. Supreme

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Court decision that limits where companies can be sued for personal injuries" and that found that "state courts cannot hear claims against companies that are not based in the state or when the alleged injuries did not occur there." In a statement, J&J "said it was extremely pleased with the court's decision to recognize that the trial should have never occurred."

FDA Approves Pulmonx's Valve For Emphysema.

Reuters (6/29, Mitra) reported that on June 29, the Food and Drug Administration "approved Pulmonx Inc.'s valve to treat" emphysema. The valve works by being "permanently implanted using a catheter in the affected part of a patient's lung," then regulating "the airflow to the healthier parts" of the lung. The average patient "may need four valves and depending upon the severity of emphysema, the cost of treatment could go up to $10,000 per patient."

Mass Device (6/29, Perriello) reported that the FDA "granted pre-market approval under its breakthrough devices designation," based upon "a 190-patient study comparing treatment with Zephyr, plus standard medical management and pulmonary rehabilitation, to treatment with standard medical management and rehab only." The trial benchmark "was at least a 15% improvement in pulmonary function score," and around "47.7% of patients in the Zephyr arm met that mark, compared with 16.8% of the control arm, according to the FDA."

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NYC Expands Lead Testing Program For Children.

The New York Times (7/1, A18, Ferré-Sadurní, 19.33M) reported that in New York City, "the exact number of children residing in public housing poisoned by lead was never disclosed." This past weekend, however, "the city department of health offered a number," saying that "820 children younger than 6 were found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood between 2012 and 2016."

AM New York (7/1, Cook, Trangle, 591K) reports on its website that on July 1, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio's Administration announced an expansion to a program to test lead levels in children. The city now will start "environmental investigations for all children younger than 18 who test above a blood lead level (BLL) of 5 micrograms per deciliter," an adjustment from the previous level of "10 micrograms per deciliter." The city health department has already started "investigations for children at NYCHA developments and will implement the new rules for the rest of the city by the end of the year, according to the mayor's office." The news follows the "day after a Daily News report that revealed the city knew of more than 800 children living in NYCHA apartments between 2012 and 2016 who had blood lead levels between 5 and 9 micrograms per deciliter."

The New York Post (7/1, Hicks, 4.46M) reports, "As many as 820 children in the city's housing projects tested for elevated levels of lead, but health officials failed to follow up and inspect their apartments, City Hall admitted Saturday." Despite the CDC in 2012 implementing a

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recommendation "that authorities take action if children test positive for having more than 5 micrograms of the compound in their blood," New York City "health officials continued to use the CDC's old 10-microgram standard, meaning these 820 positive tests would not have been forwarded by city health officials to the New York City Housing Authority and would not have triggered a home inspection – potentially allowing the exposure to continue."

Learning To Play Piano May Help Children Build Up Language Skills, Study Indicates.

TIME (7/1, Ducharme, 19.27M) reported research indicates learning to play the piano may help children "build up their language skills." As youngsters' "ears become trained to distinguish between different pitches and tones at the piano...they also seem to get better at parsing subtle differences between spoken words, a key element of language acquisition," the study revealed. The findings were published online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Tech Company CEO: Children Need To Be Guided Through Technology Thoughtfully.

In an opinion piece in USA Today (6/30, Ingram-Cauchi, Contributor,

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11.4M), Pete Ingram-Cauchi, "CEO of iD Tech Camps, a STEM education company based in" California, wrote that even though "technology has its downsides...it holds untold promise and it is not going away." Children "just need to be guided through it thoughtfully and led to a place of creativity and passion."

Factors Behind Lagging Mainstream Adoption Of Telemedicine Examined.

CNBC (6/30, Farr, 4.81M) examined factors behind lagging mainstream adoption of telemedicine. The primary and "most important" factor "is that many U.S. consumers are still not aware they have the option to chat with their doctor over the phone or via video." In addition, patients who have "heard of telemedicine apps often fear the expense, especially if it's unclear whether they can use their health insurance." What's more, clinicians "who are willing to work with app makers are inexperienced, or low-quality." Many clinicians "are afraid of liability, as it's possible to miss something during a remote visit," and "reimbursement questions" remain .

Drivers For Car Services, Ride-Hailing Apps In New York Now Able To Get Coverage For Vision Care.

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The AP (6/29, Matthews) reported that starting July 1 in New York, "drivers for car services and ride-hailing apps like Uber and Lyft" will "now be able to get coverage for vision care as well as phone or video appointments with doctors, industry representatives announced." This "coverage for an estimated 43,000 drivers statewide will be paid for by the Black Car Fund, a workers' compensation fund for car-service drivers that is funded by a 2.5 percent surcharge on each ride."

Scientists' Discovery Is "First Step" To Packaging Insulin In Pill.

The Boston Globe (7/2, 945K) reports that two developments – "a newly released study and the publication of new clinical trial data" – describe "advances toward an alternative approach" to diabetes management: "the delivery of blood-sugar-regulating hormones in a pill, long regarded as the 'holy grail' of diabetes treatment." The study, "by University of California Santa Barbara and Harvard University scientists, demonstrated a technical breakthrough in the oral delivery of insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas that allows the body to absorb and store sugar from the blood." This discovery "is the first step in a longer process to package insulin in a pill that could take many years." Enclosing insulin "in a particular ionic liquid, aptly named CAGE, has the dual benefit of protecting the hormone from stomach acid and promoting its absorption through layers of mucous and the intestinal wall. That could help it reach the liver." One promising note, "experts say, is that the two ingredients of CAGE, choline and geranic acid, are generally regarded as safe by the Food and Drug Administration."

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Roche Encouraged By Tecentriq Trial Results.

Reuters (7/2) reports Swiss drugmaker Roche "said on Monday that a trial showed its immunotherapy Tecentriq plus the chemotherapy Abraxane significantly reduced the risk of disease worsening or death in people with metastatic triple negative breast cancer." The company, "citing its IMpassion130 study, said it also recorded an encouraging overall survival benefit for the PD-L1 positive population, whose tumors express a protein that help them evade immune system detection, at interim analysis."

Angela Garbes' New Book "Like A Mother" Discussed.

ABC's Good Morning America (7/2, Kindelan, 4.2M) discusses mother of two and author Angela Garbes' new book, "Like a Mother: A Feminist Journey Through the Science and Culture of Pregnancy," which GMA says "gives women straight talk on pregnancy, their bodies and life after giving birth." One topic the book covers is "lack of post-delivery care for new moms." Garbes' interest in post-delivery care for moms "stemmed from hip pain she suffered after giving birth." The piece adds that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "recently launched an initiative to address the issue of postpartum care for new moms called 'the fourth trimester.'"

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Hawaii Bans Sale Of Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone, Octinoxate.

NPR (7/2, Fulton, 3.55M) reports Hawaii's governor David Ige is expected "to sign the world's first ban on the sale of sunscreens containing the chemicals oxybenzone and octinoxate this week." The state is "banning the products because of concerns they may be harming one of the state's biggest attractions – coral reefs." Both chemicals "have had the Food and Drug Administration's OK for decades, but in recent years, some environmental research has suggested octinoxate can contribute to coral bleaching and that oxybenzone exposure leads to the death of baby coral."

Global Health

Britain's NHS To Reduce "Unnecessary Or Risky Procedures."

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The AP (6/30) reported that Britain's NHS has proposed cutting back on operations including breast reductions and anti-snoring treatments as part of plans to save money and reduce "unnecessary or risky procedures." NHS medical director Stephen Powis said the agency "could save an estimated 200 million pounds ($264 million) a year by tightening the criteria for treatments where the risks could outweigh the benefits." According to the AP, "the list of 17 treatments under consideration to be halted or reduced includes tonsil removals and procedures for carpal tunnel, hemorrhoids and varicose veins."

UK's NHS Making Plans To Ensure Ample Medical Supplies After Brexit.

The AP (7/1) reports that Britain's National Health Service "is making plans to ensure that medical supplies will be available if Britain leaves the European Union without a trade deal." NHS chief Simon Stevens said Sunday there is "significant planning" underway to make sure the NHS "can cope with a no-deal Brexit without a disruption in services." Stevens explained that Britain's health agency and other governmental departments are working to make sure supplies of medicine and medical equipment can still be accessed under various Brexit scenarios, according to the AP.

Reuters (7/1) reports that Stevens said the NHS is "working with pharmaceutical companies to make sure there will be no breakdown in supply if there is no deal with the EU."

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Irish Cancer Patients Received Faulty Tests From US-Based Labs.

The CBS Evening News Video (6/29, story 7, 2:45, Glor, 5.29M) reported American laboratories Quest Diagnostics and Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) "are coming under scrutiny because of faulty cancer tests in Ireland," where hundreds of women "were told they tested negative, only to find out years later they had cancer all along." Correspondent Roxana Saberi reported that Quest and CPL along with "an Irish lab processed smear tests for Ireland's health service. A government review four years ago found that the labs mistakenly cleared more than 200 women...who were later diagnosed with cervical cancer." Since that time, "18 of those women have died. But most of the women affected were never told until one of them...discovered a page from that review in her medical file."

Global Fund Combating AIDS, TB, Malaria Cancels Funding For North Korean Public Health Efforts.

Science Magazine (6/29, Stone, 441K) reported The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria announced that effective June 30, it will revoke its grants to North Korea, a revelation which "leaves the isolated nation with about 1 year to line up a new source of medicines and diagnostics to combat a deepening [tuberculosis] crisis." Medical researchers say they have "not gotten any clarity on why they are doing

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this," adding that the fund's financial contributions of more than $100 million to TB and malaria control in the country "has been the biggest outside investment ever in public health in North Korea."

Novartis, Gilead CAR-T Therapies Both Gain European Panel Recommendation.

Reuters (6/29, Miller) reported that rival cancel therapies from Gilead Sciences and Novartis both won recommendations from the European Medicines Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use. The committee recommended both Gilead's Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel) and Novartis' Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel) for diffuse large B cell lymphoma, while it also recommended Yescarta for primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma and Kymriah for B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Both of the CAR-T therapies are single-use treatments "in which immune cells are removed from patients, genetically engineered in the laboratory using disarmed virus to target their blood cancers, and then re-infused." Both drugs range in price in the US from between $373,000 and $475,000, depending on the cancer being treated.

Fierce Pharma (6/29, Sagonowsky) reported that both treatments received US approval several months ago. One reason for the high cost of the drugs "is their unique, patient-specific manufacturing," as "CAR-T drugs are made of re-engineered T cells collected from each patient, which are then infused back into the patient to attack cancer." Gilead recently said it will build "a CAR-T manufacturing plant at the Amsterdam airport in an effort to cut down on logistics and manufacturing turnaround time."

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AstraZeneca Receives "Speedy Approvals" For Cancer Drugs In Japan.

Reuters (7/2) reports AstraZeneca has won "rapid regulatory approval for new uses of two of its important cancer drugs in Japan, less than six months after the first global approvals in Western markets." The decisions by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare "reflect an increased urgency by officials in the country to access modern medicines, after many years of slow adoption."

Ghana Reports H5 Bird Flu Outbreaks.

Reuters (6/29, Trompiz) reported that Ghana announced two outbreaks of "highly pathogenic H5 bird flu" on farms in the country. According to Reuters, "one of the outbreaks killed 5,431 birds out of an 11,000-strong flock on a farm in Boankra in the Ashanti region, while the other killed 5,935 out of 13,188 birds on a farm in Nkawkaw in the Eastern region."

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Researchers Warn That Gay Hate Climate In Indonesia Is Fueling HIV Epidemic.

The AP (7/2, Wright) reports on an "out-of-control but little-acknowledged epidemic of HIV among gay men in Indonesia that researchers say is being fueled by a gay hate climate whipped up by the country's conservative political and religious leaders." A Human Rights Watch report released Monday explained that "highly publicized police raids targeting gay men and a vicious outpouring of anti-LGBT rhetoric from officials and other influential figures since early 2016 have caused significant disruption to HIV awareness and testing programs."

TIME (7/2, Haynes, 19.27M) reports Kyle Knight, an LGBT rights researcher at Human Rights Watch and author of the report, said, "What's shifted in the last two years is that the government and police have made it abundantly clear that it's perfectly okay to hate LGBT people and to act on it." He cautioned, "Unless certain steps are taken to dial back on these raids, to create safe spaces for those to gather to gain information, to get safety, sense of dignity, community and privacy, this will spin out of control not just from a human rights perspective, but also from a public health perspective." TIME adds, "Combined with the crackdown and heightened discrimination against LGBT people, the impending health crisis threatens to force the community into total retreat."

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India Celebrates End Of Nipah Virus Outbreak With Music Video.

NPR (7/1, Thiagarajan, 3.55M) reports India's Nipah virus outbreak "in May had all ingredients of an-edge-of-the-seat medical thriller" as the nation battled "one of the most lethal pathogens of our times." The article says, "Three weeks after Nipah had been identified as a cause of the outbreak, on June 10, Kerala's Minister for Health, K.K. Shylaja, declared that the state was Nipah-free. Of the 19 cases, two patients have recovered." After the outbreak was declared over, "a group of musicians and filmmakers decided to make a video to celebrate."

WTO Upholds Australia's Plain-Packaging Law.

Fortune (6/29, Meyer, 3.91M) reported in continuing coverage that the WTO last week ruled in favor of Australia's plain-packaging laws and said the country "is free to continue selling cigarettes in drab, olive-colored packaging without no branding beyond the manufacturer's name in small print, and with large and graphic health warnings dominating the packaging." The article said the WTO's decision "will likely have major ramifications around the world."

Bloomberg View (7/1, 4.46M) columnist David Fickling says "the world's ugliest cigarette packets aren't going away." Fickling says claims that Australian plain packaging does not make much of a difference do not "stand up to a lot of scrutiny: Studies supporting that claim have either been based on non-public data that can't be checked, or commissioned

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by the industry, or both, according to a 2016 analysis by Australia's Department of Health."

Russians Protest Pension Age Hike.

Reuters (7/1) reports that although "thousands of Russians protested on Sunday over a government decision to increase the retirement age...there were no demonstrations in the cities hosting the World Cup because of security restrictions in force during the tournament." Published photos of the protest featured individuals with signs saying "Raise the pension, not the pension age!" and "Hands off our pensions!" A "close ally of President Vladimir Putin" last month stated "that the government wanted to raise the retirement age for men by five years, to 65 from 60, and for women by eight years, to 63 from 55," which supposedly is "to ease intense pressure on state coffers," per Reuters, while "critics say the retirement age in many regions is higher than life expectancy." Some polls reported Putin's approval rating dropped from 75 to 69 percent following the announcement.

Son Debates Assisted Dying Amid Mother's Alzheimer's Diagnosis.

Bernard Lyall writes in The Guardian (UK) (7/1, 4.03M) about his mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, saying that "she who has lived entirely

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by her wits has now lost them" to a word carrying "the ring of finality." Lyall says despite several emotional "blows," his mother retained "her instinct to put on a brave face, try to ignore it and muddle through regardless," which "was the way her generation coped," but has proved "disastrous" for her carers, because "whenever we hoped she'd understand some new limitation, or accept a new level of care, we had to choose between complicity in a face-saving but ultimately pointless pretence and provoking unreasoning anger." While "Kath had argued for the right to die, has a living will, and would have been horrified to see herself like this," now Lyall says that as "the power to let her go has fallen to me, it's not so simple." Lyall wonders whether someone's "younger self" should "be allowed to make such decisions about the person they are now."

National News

Trump Predicts Quick Supreme Court Confirmation "If I Pick The Right Person."

During an interview Sunday with Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures Video (7/1, Bartiromo, 1.79M), the President vowed he would "pick somebody who is outstanding" to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice

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Anthony Kennedy. He also predicted that while Democrats would work to resist his choice, "I think it will go quickly if I pick the right person." The Washington Examiner (7/1, Chaitin, 340K) reports the President also predicted a "big week" ahead, declaring in a tweet Sunday he will be focused on deciding who he will nominate to succeed Kennedy.

Media reports, however, cast the President as ready for a fight with Democrats over his pick. On ABC World News Tonight Video (7/1, story 4, 2:50, Llamas, 14.63M), for example, Tara Palmeri said Trump is "preparing for battle tonight over his highly anticipated Supreme Court pick." Trump: "It's probably going to be vicious because the other side, all they can do obstruct and resist. You know, their whole thing is resist." NBC Nightly News Video (7/1, story 6, 2:00, Jackson, 8.26M) reported, "A vicious but fast fight. That's what President Trump says he expects once he announces the second Supreme Court nominee of his Administration" next week under "his self-imposed deadline." Kelly O'Donnell said the President, who is "on the trail this week, is already touting the influence of his high court selection to rally his own base."

The CBS Weekend News Video (7/1, story 4, 2:40, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that while Trump "voiced confidence that his yet-to-be-announced Supreme Court nominee will be confirmed soon," his choice "needs the backing of nearly all Senate Republicans." According to the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Armour, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), White House officials are also meeting with Democrats, including the three who voted last year for Justice Neil Gorsuch: Sens. Joe Manchin, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Donnelly.

USA Today (7/1, Estepa, 11.4M) reports that while Trump said he is "going to pick someone who is outstanding," the "eventual nominee already faces a hurdle: Republicans hold a slim 51-49 majority in the

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Senate, and Sen. John McCain is out as he battles brain cancer. That means the president needs to cater to senators on both sides of the aisle if he hopes to get a majority to vote in favor of his pick."

Reports also continue to cast the issue of abortion as likely to be a focal point of the eventual nominee's confirmation hearings. Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) says Trump "hinted at the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade" during his interview with Fox News, saying the legality of abortion "could very well end up with states at some point." Asked if abortion rights should be decided by the states, Trump said, "Well, maybe someday it will be to the states. You never know how that's going to turn out. That's a very complex question. The Roe v. Wade is probably the one that people are talking about in terms of having an effect. But we will see what happens. But it could very well end up with states at some point."

TIME (7/1, Langone, 19.27M) reports that in the interview with Fox News, "Trump acknowledged that the status of Roe v. Wade is one of the key issues in the public's mind," but Newsweek (7/1, Fearnow, 2.18M) says he "hesitantly added, however, that he's not going to be 'so specific with the questions' used to query" candidates. Yahoo! News (7/1, Walsh, 12.44M) reports Trump, however, told Fox News, "They're all saying, 'Don't do that. You don't do that. You shouldn't do that.' But I'm putting conservative people on and I'm very proud of Neil Gorsuch. He's been outstanding. His opinions are you know so well written, so brilliant. And I'm going to try and do something like that but I don't think I'm going to be so specific in the questions I'll be asking. And I'm actually told I shouldn't be."

NJ News (7/1, Salant, 1.17M), however, notes that Trump "has pledged to nominate justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade," and "said he

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would choose from a list of people vetted by the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group that opposes abortion. So he already knows how anyone on the list will vote on abortion, meaning he doesn't have to ask their views on the issue."

The Washington Free Beacon (7/1, Kugle, 67K) notes that "all four names Leo mentioned are on Trump's list of potential Supreme Court justices," but when asked if they are the front runners, Leo said, "No, I don't think it's fair to say that, and here's why. The president is really in the driver's seat along with the assistance of White House counsel Don McGahn. Those are people who are under very serious consideration."

Sen. Richard Blumenthal said on CBS' Face the Nation Video (7/1, Brennan, 3.28M), "The President has said that he will appoint someone only if he or she would 'automatically overturn Roe v. Wade.'" He added, "This decision will shape the Court for years to come and it could lead to criminalizing reproductive rights, as they were prior to Roe v. Wade when women were prosecuted and women died."

The AP (6/30, Harrisburg (PA), Patriot-News), meanwhile, reports that "some evangelical leaders are downplaying their fortune on an issue that has defined their movement for decades." Jerry Falwell Jr. told the AP, "What people don't understand is that if you overturn Roe v. Wade, all that does is give the states the right to decide whether abortion is legal or illegal. My guess is that there'd probably be less than 20 states that would make abortion illegal if given that right."

Sources: White House Officials Eyeing Exits Likely To Stay Through

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Confirmation.

ABC News (7/1, Palmeri, 1.85M) reports on its website that "top White House officials worn out from the chaos of the Trump administration and eyeing the exits in the coming weeks are now considering staying on through the confirmation of a Supreme Court justice, three White House officials and two outside advisors" say. White House Counsel Don McGahn, Legislative Affairs Director Marc Short and Domestic Policy Director Andrew Bremberg "have told colleagues in the days following Supreme Court Justice Kennedy's retirement announcement that they plan to stay on staff through the confirmation process."

Cantwell: Wrong Vote On Nominee Could Be "Career-Ending Move."

The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) "warned her colleagues Sunday that a wrong decision" on President Trump's nominee could become a "career-ending move." Cantwell told NBC's Meet the Press, "I think that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle know that this vote could be one of the key votes of their entire career. And they know that no matter what spin comes out of the White House, if they vote for somebody who's going to change precedent, it could be a career-ending move." The Hill (7/1, Birnbaum, 2.71M) also reports Cantwell's comments.

A Washington Times (7/1, McLaughlin, 460K) analysis, meanwhile, says "red-state Democrats seeking re-election this fall were already facing the difficult task of navigating between their own virulently anti-Trump national party and the Republican-leaning voters needed to win back home. But that narrow path has become even more of a tightrope now that incumbents will be asked to take sides" on the President's nomination. The Times says if Republicans "hold firm, the Senate is likely to vote on a Supreme Court nominee just as the midterm

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campaign season hits full stride." But it "also means vulnerable Democrats in states such as West Virginia and North Dakota will have to choose between a president who easily won their states in 2016 and a frenzied liberal base intent on blocking anyone he chooses."

Seung Min Kim of the Washington Post said on CNN Inside Politics Video (7/1, 733K), "For Senate Democrats, this is their one chance to really get their base to care about the Court. What we've seen last several years, perhaps the last decade is that conservatives are better at the court issue than Democrats in terms of just getting the base involved, getting their base excited," but "now with potentially the future of Roe v. Wade on the line, Democrats, this is their chance to really get their voters excited and that's why you're seeing the Democratic messaging on the Supreme Court already focusing on not only abortion, but future of the Affordable Care Act."

Michael Shear of the New York Times said on CNN Inside Politics Video (7/1, 733K), "I think one of the things you're going to see is that the Democrats are going to try to make the case that to their base" that abortion and the Affordable Care Act are "something that you have to be united on...because what the Democrats need is to hold their entire – all 49 and then they only have to peel off one Republican."

Toomey: Special Counsel Investigation Should Not Prevent Trump Nomination.

Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), asked on CBS' Face the Nation Video (7/1, Brennan, 3.28M) about the question of the Special Counsel investigation and the probability of the justice Trump appoints ruling in the case, said, "I think that is a ridiculous argument that is made as just an

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attempt to make way for the real position, which is that President Trump should never be able to confirm a vacancy." He added, "I don't remember hearing the Democrats making that argument when President Bill Clinton was in fact personally under investigation when a vacancy occurred. My understanding is that President Trump is not himself personally the subject of the investigation even. I think that is a non-argument."

Trump Retweets Elder Joke About Reporter Fired Over False MAGA Hat Claim.

The New York Post (7/1, Perez, 4.46M) reports that President Trump on Sunday retweeted "a tweet by conservative radio host Larry Elder...which poked fun at a newspaper reporter who lost his job after he falsely claimed that the Capital Gazette shooter wore a 'Make America Great Again' hat during the massacre." Elder sent the tweet, which read, "BEWARE! #TrumpDerangementSyndrome can be career ending," in response "to an article published by The Hill, which covered the resignation of Conor Berry, a former reporter at The Republican in Springfield, Mass."

Hemingway: Press Sought To Tie Trump To Maryland Newspaper Shooting.

Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist said on Fox News MediaBuzz Video (7/1, 1.61M), "It's very difficult when something like this happens. You are desperate for information and speculation runs

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rampant. I think it's important for journalists to make sure they are not speculating without evidence. It wasn't just bad that people started trying to tie President Trump to the shooting. It was that after the news came out showing that the shooter had a longstanding grudge against the publication dating back to 2011, many journalists kept saying that they thought this was somehow the responsibility of President Trump."

Waters: People Want Democrats To Be "More Confrontational" Against Trump.

Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) reports that Rep. Maxine Waters told MSNBC AM Joy Video Sunday that weekend protests over the President's immigration policies show that "the people" want Democrats to be "more forceful" and "more confrontational" in their opposition. Waters said, "Well, let me just tell you this, first of all, the people of this country, no matter Republican or Democrat, do not like the idea that children have been separated. Republicans are making a mistake thinking they can hold on to that constituency, that so-called belongs to Donald Trump. On this issue, Republicans and Democrats, Independents alike are opposed to what is going on. And yes, people do want to see us being stronger and more forceful and to confront them on these policies."

Fox News (7/1, Chamberlain, 16.38M) reports on its website that Waters said she was "surprised" by criticism from Democratic leaders over her call for people to "push back" against members of the Administration. Waters said Video , "One of the things I recognize, being an elected official, is in the final analysis, leadership ... will do

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anything that they think is necessary to protect their leadership and so what I have to do is not focus on them." Waters added, "I was blessed with courage. And I was blessed with the kind of strength that does not allow me to be intimidated by the likes of Donald Trump. ... Let him call me whatever he wants to call me. Let him say whatever he wants to say. He will not stop me." The Hill (7/1, Wise, 2.71M) also reports on Waters' comments.

Todd: Trump Is "Winning," Democrats Are "Reeling."

Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) reports that Chuck Todd, host of NBC's Meet the Press Video , said Sunday that President Trump is "winning" and Democrats are "reeling." Todd said, "The announced retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy this week helped make one political reality clear: Despite his overall unpopularity, President Trump is winning, and the Democrats right now are reeling. ... How about the Republican Party? The president's approval rating among Republicans is around 90 percent. Elected Republicans fear criticizing him, and the party has become a cult of personality: his." Todd continued, "Still, much of Mr. Trump's success is superficial. While he's more popular among Republicans, the party overall is shrinking. His trade war, North Korea, or the Mueller investigation all could turn against him and, frankly, turn against him now like North Korea has. But if the Democrats' reaction to the Kennedy retirement proved anything, it's that the Democratic Party has not figured out how to succeed in the Trump era."

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Ocasio-Cortez: Democratic Socialism Just "Part Of What I Am."

The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports that in an interview with NBC's Meet the Press Video Sunday, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who defeated Rep. Joe Crowley in last week's primary in NY14, "downplayed...her affiliation with democratic socialism," saying, "It's part of what I am. It's not all of what I am. And I think that that's a very important distinction. ... I'm an educator, I'm an organizer. ... And I believe that what we're really seeing is just a movement for health care housing and education in the United States." Ocasio-Cortez added, "Democrats are a big tent party. ... I'm not trying to impose an ideology on all several hundred members of Congress, but I do think that once again it's not selling an -ism or an ideology or a label or a color. It's about selling our values."

The New York Post (7/1, Moore, 4.46M) reports that Ocasio-Cortez "faulted Crowley, a 10-term incumbent, for not being more closely connected to the community," saying, "I do think there was certainly a lack of presence, and that was a big part of my win. ... There was a lack of listening on the ground. A lack of going to the grocery store and saying 'Hey, how you doing?' That is an important work of representation." Ocasio-Cortez also "said the Democrats must have a unified message that people can rally around, especially in the fight over President Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court." She said, "This Supreme Court seat is extremely serious. There is a federal investigation going on with direct implications to the presidency and that presidency is talking about nominating a Supreme Court pick that is going to essentially hear this case out."

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Duckworth: Democrats Can't Go Too Far Left An Win Nationwide.

The Washington Examiner (7/1, Ayers, 340K) reports that Sen. Tammy Duckworth warned Sunday that the Democratic Party should not move further to the left if they want to win the presidency. Following the surprising defeat of Crowley by Ocasio-Cortez, an "avowed Democratic socialist," Duckworth told CNN's State of the Union Video Sunday that "she doesn't foresee that being a winning strategy in the Midwest." Said Duckworth, "I think that you can't win the White House without the Midwest. ... And I don't think you can go too far to the left and still win the Midwest — coming from a Midwestern state." Duckworth urged dialogue with the "industrial Midwest," and said, "You need to listen to the people there in order to win an election nationwide."

The Washington Post (7/1, Scherer, 15.68M) says Democratic leaders are "scrambling to keep the political outrage they'd counted on to fuel midterm election wins from becoming a liability for the party." Internal debates "have broken into public view over maintaining civility and the usefulness of liberal slogans like 'abolish ICE,' which some Republicans have embraced to argue falsely that Democrats oppose immigration enforcement." Meanwhile, "liberal activists have begun to argue for more radical measures to counter the president, who they assert presents an immediate threat to the republic."

Rachel Bade of Politico said on CNN Inside Politics Video (7/1, 733K) that Ocasio-Cortez's primary win over Crowley "was a clear message to the top of Democratic leadership in the House that Democrats want change in their hierarchy and they want the establishment out, they

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want new blood at the top and they are ready to see somebody else lead beyond Pelosi."

John King said on CNN Inside Politics Video (7/1, 733K), "If there's a giant blue wave and Democrats win the House by 20 seats, Nancy Pelosi will be okay. She still is the party's premier fundraiser. She still has a lot of loyalty in the caucus. However, if they just squeak by and a whole bunch of candidates promised in their TV ads I won't vote for her, she's going to have to negotiate either a temporary speakership...or she may have to go."

Portland Police Declare Riot, Revoke Permit As Antifa Disrupts Protest.

Breitbart (7/1, Huston, 1.28M) reports that Portland, Oregon police "revoked a permit for a pro-America march and declared the scene a riot when counter-protesters erupted in violence on Saturday." The permit had been "secured by the Patriot Prayer group that had planned a march entitled the 'Freedom and Courage' rally. But a large number of members of a local violent, black-clad Antifa group also gathered along the march route and began a series of confrontations with the marchers." According to The Oregonian, the Antifa group "initiated hostilities by throwing eggs, bottles, and other items at the Patriot group, the paper noted."

ABC World News Tonight Video (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Llamas, 14.63M)

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reported that according to police, at least four people were hurt "when right-wing demonstrators and counter-protesters broke out in brawls," and "at least nine people [are] facing charges." The CBS Weekend News Video (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that officials "say they seized knives, clubs, and chemical sprays."

NYTimes Analysis: Supreme Court Ruling Against Unions A Blow To Liberal Groups.

The New York Times (7/1, Scheiber, 19.33M) reports that the Supreme Court's ruling "striking down mandatory union fees for government workers" will "hit hard at a vast network of groups dedicated to advancing liberal policies and candidates." Groups that "work for immigrants and civil rights," or "produce economic research" or "turn out voters or run ads in Democratic campaigns," have "benefited from tens of millions of dollars a year from public-sector unions — funding now in jeopardy because of the prospective decline in union revenue." According to liberal activists, cutting off that funding "was a crucial goal of the conservative groups that helped bring the case, known as Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees," and conservatives "have acknowledged as much. ... Even President Trump took notice of the justices' ruling, declaring on Twitter that it was a 'big loss for the coffers of the Democrats!'"

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Trump Says He Wants To Stay "Uninvolved" In Russia Probe, "At Least For Now."

President Trump was asked in an interview that aired on Fox News Sunday Morning Futures Video (7/1, Bartiromo, 1.79M) about Russia investigation. Trump said, "So, I have this country running like a top, Mike Pompeo is doing great." He said, "We have a great group of people" and "the one thing I want to stay uninvolved in at least for now I may get involved but I have been told by so many people don't get involved." He said, "There's no collusion with me ...honestly it is a disgrace but I purposely said I'm not getting involved" and "you know, they found nothing." He said, "By the way, this is the most transparent thing ever done with the White House... I think I gave them a million 400,000 documents I told them don't even read them; there's no Russia mentioned or anything like that."

Judge Rules Rosenstein's Order Gives Mueller Wide Investigative Latitude.

The Washington Times (7/1, Scarborough, 460K) reports that understanding the reason special counsel Robert Mueller has expanded his investigation beyond the 2016 presidential race "may require perusing a federal judge's opinion on June 26 in the Paul Manafort case." District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III "dissected Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's May 2017 appointment order to Mr. Mueller," and "concluded that the prosecutor is empowered to look at virtually any Russian contact." According to Ellis, Rosenstein's guidelines "state that Mr. Mueller is to investigate any links between the Russian government and Trump campaign associates," which means "indirect links" or "potential links," giving Mueller "wide latitude when deciding whether to target a Trump person."

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Judge Extends Program Paying For Hurricane Maria Victims' Hotel Stays.

The CBS Weekend News Video (7/1, story 11, 0:30, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that Hurricane Maria evacuees living in hotels have gotten a "short reprieve" as a federal judge "temporarily extended the program that's been paying for their stay." The program was "set to expire at midnight Sunday, but will now end on Tuesday."

Private Equity Group Offer High-Interest Loans To Cash-Strapped Americans.

The Washington Post (7/1, Whoriskey, 15.68M) reports that the company Mariner Finance "enables some of the nation's wealthiest investors and investment funds to make money offering high-interest loans to cash-strapped Americans." The company "is owned and managed by a $11.2 billion private equity fund controlled by Warburg Pincus, a storied New York firm," whose president is Timothy F. Geithner, "who, as treasury secretary in the Obama administration, condemned predatory lenders." The Post says the market for "'consumer installment loans,' which Mariner and its competitors serve, has grown rapidly in recent years, particularly as new federal regulations have curtailed payday lending, according to the Center for

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Financial Services Innovation, a nonprofit research group. Private equity firms, with billions to invest, have taken significant stakes in the growing field." Mariner "stands out for the frequent use of mass-mailed checks, which allows customers to accept a high-interest loan on an impulse — just sign the check."

Median Prime For A Single-Family Home In San Francisco Bay Area Is $935,000.

The CBS Weekend News Video (7/1, story 8, 2:10, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that "a recent report says the median price for a single-family home in the [San Francisco] Bay area is $935,000. In the city it's even higher." CBS (Strassmann) added that market "is fueled by thousands of well-paid tech workers who have driven up the median price of a San Francisco home to $1.6 million, the highest in the country. And while housing prices are rising faster than incomes nationwide, nowhere is it more evident than in the Bay area, where home values have soared a staggering 64% over the last five years."

High Schools Clamp Down On Student Journalists Covering Sensitive Subjects.

The New York Times (7/1, Peiser, 19.33M) reports that high schools

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across the nation have been pushing back against student journalists "who have reported on sensitive subjects, like the reaction to school shootings and adolescent sexuality." Since a 1988 Supreme Court ruling "that a Missouri school district had acted lawfully in removing a two-page spread on divorce and teenage pregnancy from a student newspaper, administrators have been able to censor work in school publications that they consider poorly written or 'inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order.'" The Times cites a number of examples but also notes that in some places, "student reporters have delved into difficult subjects without interference or complaint from administrators."

Seattle Bans Plastic Straws, Utensils In Restaurants.

NBC Nightly News Video (7/1, story 8, 2:30, Jackson, 8.26M) reported that Seattle on Sunday joined "the growing list of cities banning plastic straws and plastic forks and knives in local restaurants. They're almost never recycled, meaning they end up in landfills, creating more of a pollution problem." NBC (Fryer) added that "28 cities around the country that have banned or limited plastic straws or are considering it. California and Hawaii are even exploring statewide policies."

Murdoch Turning Much Of The Company He Built Over To Disney.

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The Washington Post (7/1, Ellison, 15.68M) reports that 21st Century Fox and News Corp. founder and co-executive chairman Rupert Murdoch is "selling the bulk of the company to Disney." It is "a seminal moment for Murdoch, who is turning over the power to run the company he has spent his career building." The Post adds that with President Trump's election, Murdoch is "at the height of his political influence in the United States, a position he has long sought. Murdoch has a direct line to Trump and close relationships with several Fox News personalities who act as unofficial advisers to the White House." Murdoch and the President "talk weekly and sometimes daily, according to people close to both men." Moreover, with "former Fox News executive and Sean Hannity confidant Bill Shine...expected to take the job of White House deputy chief of staff in charge of communications," it "only adds to the personal connections between Trump and the Murdoch-controlled news network."

In an editorial, the New York Times (7/1, 19.33M) questions the speed with which the Justice Department approved the Disney-Fox deal, saying it took "about half the time that regulators usually need to evaluate deals of this size." Noting that the Department "spent nearly two years investigating AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner and bringing an ultimately unsuccessful lawsuit against the deal," the Times says that while the Administration "has denied that politics plays a role in its antitrust enforcement decisions," it is "hard not to be skeptical of the possible motivations behind the Justice Department's approach to these deals."

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Professors Oppose Stricter Work Requirements For SNAP.

In an op-ed for the New York Times (7/1, 19.33M), Sarah Bowen, Sinikka Elliott And Annie Hardison-Moody, professors who have conducted a study on child hunger, write that the nation's policies "have long reflected, imperfectly, the moral imperative that children deserve adequate food. Until now." Although SNAP already includes work requirements for able-bodied adults without children, the House-passed farm bill "an even harsher policy and extends it to parents of school-age children. It would require that most adults provide monthly proof that they are working or enrolled in at least 20 hours of work force training per week in order to receive support" or risk being locked out of the program for three years. They note that the Senate version does not include the requirement "that will leave more kids hungry," and argue that while President Trump "offered his support," for stricter work requirements, the program "should not be restricted" but "expanded, so that fewer families — and especially kids — are hungry."

WPost Welcomes Transfer Of Background Checks From OPM To DOD.

In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) says the Administration's proposal to transfer responsibility for background investigations for security clearances from the OPM to the Defense Department is change that is "a long time coming." The Post cites criticism of OPM's "slow processing of background checks" as well as "security concerns" stemming from the agency's handling of the investigations and says the "transfer of security-clearance

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responsibilities makes sense." However, the Post says Defense Department must "address these concerns and ensure that the background-check process is efficient, secure and accurate going forward."

WSJournal Criticizes Individual, Corporate Tax Hikes In New Jersey.

A Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial criticizes New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and State Senate leader Steve Sweeney for agreeing to increase New Jersey's state's income tax on residents making more than $5 million and the corporate rate on companies with more than $1 million in income, giving the state the fourth highest income tax rate on individuals and the second highest corporate rate in the nation.

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New York Times.

"Your Credit Card Will Pay For The Next Recession." The New York Times (7/1, 19.33M) says in an editorial that Federal Reserve forecasters' "median prediction is that the federal funds rate is headed to 3.4 percent by the end of 2020 from the current 1.9 percent," meaning consumers will be "paying more to get a mortgage, a new-car loan or to carry a balance on your credit card. How much more? Possibly enough to absorb whatever extra income you might be enjoying from lower tax rates or higher wages." The Fed's job of keeping "inflation in check by raising rates," has been "made more urgent by the Republicans' $1.5 trillion tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations." Now, "Trump supporters who benefited the least from the Republican tax cut...will now have to pay the bulk of the bill to mitigate the damage it caused to the economy."

"The Disney-Fox Deal Sails Through, A Bit Too Easily."

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"The Malaria Fight Stalls As Children Die By The Hundreds Of Thousands."

A Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) editorial says that while the number of malaria cases and deaths have declined steadily for a decade and a half as "global public-health officials have been at war" with the disease, the "battle shows signs of stalling." In 2016, "the number of malaria cases went up to 215 million, from 210 million the year before." The Post says that the fight against malaria will be won "by action on many fronts. A stall, after so much promise, would be terrible and costly."

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"What Are The Park Police Hiding?"

A Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) criticizes the "epic stonewalling campaign" by US Park Police concerning Park Police officers' fatal shooting of Bijan Ghaisar, "a young accountant in Northern Virginia who appeared to pose no threat to them or anyone else." The Post says "it has been 225 days – and counting" and the Park Police response "has been characterized by brazen arrogance and in-your-face unaccountability on a grand scale." The Post concludes that "after so many months of official nonresponsiveness, there is one overarching question the public is entitled to ask: What are the police trying to hide?"

Wall Street Journal.

"The War On Admissions Testing." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) takes issue with a growing movement to eliminate he ACT and SAT tests for college admissions. The Journal argues that although no test is ideal, the ACT and SAT are good predictors of how a student will perform in college.

"New Jersey's Tax Gift To Florida."

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companies with more than $1 million in income, giving the state the fourth highest income tax rate on individuals and the second highest corporate rate in the nation.

"North Korea Keeps Enriching Uranium."

A Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial says evidence of North Korea's continuing nuclear-fuel production suggests Pyongyang intends to drag out open-ended talks with the US for as long as possible in hopes of extracting new concessions along the way. The Journal says if President Trump does not call Kim Jong-un out on these activities, then Kim will conclude that he can get away with this behavior.

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ABC: Severe Weather; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; France-Murderer Escapes Prison; Mexico-Elections; India-Bus Accident; Oregon-Police Shooting; Australia-Shark Bites Woman; Portland-Protest Becomes Riot; China-Road Collapses; Reagan National Airport-United Express Flight Forced To Deplane; Food Recall-Wishbone Italian Dressing; Best Buy Stops Selling CDs; Police Lip Sync.

CBS: Severe Weather; Wildfires; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Reagan National Airport-United Express Flight Forced To Deplane; Maryland-Capital Gazette Memorial; US-Russia Relations; Mexico-Elections; San Francisco-Housing Market; Portland-Protest Becomes Riot; Thailand-Missing Boys' Soccer Team; Puerto Rico-Hurricane Maria Evacuees; Long Island-Father Son Sock Business.

NBC: Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Severe Weather; Weather Report; Wildfires; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Mexico-Elections; Plastic Straw Bans; Opioid Crisis-France's Solution; France-Murderer Escapes Prison; Family's Monster Truck Business.

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ABC: Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; NBA News.

CBS: Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Severe Weather; Wildfires; Mexico-Elections; NBA News.

FOX: NBA News; Congress-SCOTUS Pick; Mexico-Elections.

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John Oliver:

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement "is obviously huge news, and for anyone who believes that the Constitution protects things like reproductive and LGBT rights, this is bad. And we know it's bad because Donald Trump Jr. was happy, tweeting 'OMG just when you thought this week couldn't get more lit, I give you Anthony Kennedy's retirement from #scotus.' And I'm afraid I'm going to have to disagree with Mr. Junior on this, because I personally don't think this was lit at all. I mean, it's obvs cray af. No one is denying that, fam. But I would argue that this news was neither lit nor on fleek. Nor was it three fire emojis. Now, granted, I am still a little shook, jsyk, but I personally believe Kennedy's retirement is super werpt. And I'm happy to announce that, in saying that, all the slang words I just used are now officially dead forever. And that includes 'werpt,' a term that doesn't even exist, but which I have preemptively ruined just in case."

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John Oliver:

"The big question here is, who is going to replace Kennedy? And the Administration has made their plans pretty clear, with Mike Pence tweeting, 'Thank you to justice Anthony Kennedy for your long career of service. Trump will nominate a strong conservative in the tradition of the late Justice Scalia.' Which is a little weird. You don't generally stand up at someone's retirement party and say, 'Thank you for everything you did for this company, Robert, and rest assured that we will replace you with someone exactly like that other guy who used to work here that we always liked much more than you.'"

John Oliver:

"There's a fundamental problem there, and that is that Republicans have 51 seats in the Senate, and they need 51 votes to confirm the new justice. So unless Democrats can convince their entire party to oppose the nomination and persuade a number of Republicans over to their side, they are...out of luck, meaning it's time for Democrats' favorite game: 'Hope Susan Collin Flips And Be Disappointed When She Doesn't!' It's America's most depressing game show."

John Oliver:

"I'm happy to say, there is some good news. It turns out there's a

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constitutional loophole that allows Democrats to – I'm obviously lying here. There's no good news. Everything is terrible now."

John Oliver:

"Barring some massive screw-up from Trump, the only thing anyone can really do is vote. And there are actually two key elections you should really try and vote in: One in 2016 and one in 2014. Because that is what got us into this mess."

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LEADING THE NEWS

Hundreds Of Thousands Protest Administration's Immigration Policy, Separation Of Families. ABC World News Tonight (6/30, lead story, 2:50, Llamas, 4.58M) reported in its lead story that "we begin tonight with the massive nationwide protests against the President's immigration policy. Tens of thousands of protesters in more than 700 demonstrations, like this one in Chicago, in cities and towns from coast to coast, in every state, urging President Trump to reunite the families separated at the southern border. Part of the fallout from his zero-tolerance immigration policy."

In its lead story, the CBS Weekend News (6/30, lead story, 2:20, Ninan, 2.62M) reported, "Americans across the country are making their voices heard this Fourth of July weekend at loud rallies from coast to coast. They're demanding that thousands of immigrant children be set free and reunited with their parents. And President Trump may have heard. He tweeted this afternoon that people coming to this country illegally must be escorted out." CBS correspondent Kenneth Craig added, "New York's protest brought an estimated 15,000 to the streets of lower Manhattan over the Trump Administration's zero-tolerance policy on illegal border crossings." Craig also mentioned that HHS said it has custody of more than 2,000 immigrant children separated from their parents.

NBC Nightly News (6/30, lead story, 2:35, Diaz-Balart, 12.78M) reported in its lead story, "Hundreds of thousands of people in communities across the country mobilized today for [im]migrant families, protesting President Trump's policy that separated children from their loved ones. Tonight, more than 2,000 of those children remain in detention centers, in a country that's not their own, far from their parents. The White House mostly silent on the issue today."

The Washington Post (6/30, Lang, Zauzmer, Natanson, 15.68M) reported that on Saturday, some 750 "'Families Belong Together' rallies were planned throughout the country in every state – from big cities such as Boston, Chicago and New

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York to tiny ones such as Antler, N.D., which has a population of 27." Organizers said about 50,000 people gathered in Washington, DC, although the Post indicated the total number may have been somewhat less than that. All these protesters had one message: "End President Trump's 'zero tolerance' immigration policy, which has split children from their parents and detained families crossing the southern U.S. border." The article added that whenever "the government, Border Patrol agents or the Trump administration" was mentioned, "the crowd erupted into chants of 'shame, shame, shame.'" And "as they passed the Trump International Hotel, protesters booed and chanted 'vote him out.'"

The New York Times (6/30, Yoon-Hendricks, Greenberg, 19.33M) reported that galvanized "by what they view as the cruel treatment of [im]migrants seeking refuge in the United States from violence in their home countries, the crowds turned out Saturday bearing homemade signs that read 'Abolish ICE' – the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency – and 'Zero tolerance for family separation.'" The article said that although "Washington was the political epicenter of the protests, similar scenes unfolded in cities around the country, including large, border cities like El Paso, state capitals like Salt Lake City and Atlanta, and smaller, interior towns like Redding, Calif." The piece added that for the most part, the protests were peaceful, with only a few arrests.

USA Today (6/30, Hayes, 11.4M) reported on the rallies in all 50 states, but asked, "now what? Will the issue and the outrage fade into the background or help lead to a pivotal moment in the debate over immigration in the U.S.?" A spokesman for MoveOn.org, "one of the organizations behind the nationwide rallies," said, "I've never seen so many people that so deeply care about immigration. This is unlike anything I've seen. It's just a huge amount of opportunity and we have to ride this wave to making change." The piece added that "activists plan to pressure members of Congress to hold town halls to discuss immigration and force leaders to take a stand when confronted by their constituents."

The Wall Street Journal (6/30, Raice, Barrett, Duehren, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that protesters said they were angry at President Trump's actions on immigration, and insisted that the world needs to see a different picture of the US. They carried signs saying, "No child should be kept in a cage" and "Keep families together" and "Immigrants make America great."

The Arizona Republic (6/30, Carranza, Larson, Steinbach, Janetsky, 1.21M) reported that some "800 people gathered outside the state Capitol building in Phoenix. Many carried signs urging the administration to bring families back together." They encountered "small groups of counterprotesters with megaphones. Some engaged, but the event was mostly peaceful."

Also covering the story were the Orlando (FL) Sentinel (6/30, Santana, 593K), the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (6/30, Hansen, 1.09M), the Asbury Park (NJ) Press (6/30, Mikle, 386K), and Newsday (NY) (6/30, Chayes, 1.52M).

Trump Administration Accused Of Separating Immigrant Families Who Sought Asylum At Ports Of Entry. The Los Angeles Times (7/1, Esquivel, 4.03M) reports that "the practice of separating families appears to have begun accelerating last year, long before zero tolerance was announced in the spring. Among these cases, according to records and interviews, are many that happened at ports of entry" as immigrants sought asylum in the US. The article adds, "Administration officials have said repeatedly that asylum seekers who don't want to be separated from their children should present themselves at a port of entry. Doing so is the legal way to ask for asylum, they said." However, court documents "describe numerous cases in recent months in which families were separated after presenting themselves at a port of entry to ask for asylum." Attorneys contend that this happened even when asylum seekers had identification and documents proving they were the children's parents.

DOJ Files Documents Which Indicate Administration May Want To Detain Immigrant Families Longer Than The Current Legal Limit. The Washington Post (6/29, Barrett, 15.68M) reported that the Justice Department on Friday revealed "plans to detain migrant families together in custody rather than release them, according to a new court filing that suggests such detentions could last longer than the 20 days envisioned by a court settlement." The article added that "the filing comes as the Justice Departments seeks to navigate two different court edicts – an injunction issued this week by a federal judge in San Diego that required the government to begin reuniting the roughly 2,000 migrant children still separated from their families, and an older court settlement

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in federal court in Los Angeles that requires the immigration agencies to release minors in their custody if they are held for more than 20 days."

Politico (6/29, Gerstein, 3.51M) reported that only "days after President Donald Trump announced that his administration would ask a federal court to permit detention of immigrant families by modifying a longstanding court settlement, Justice Department lawyers told the Los Angeles-based judge handling the case Friday that no change to the decree may be needed." Attorneys for the government contend that "a separate injunction a federal judge in San Diego issued Tuesday barring family separations effectively wipes out provisions in the decades-old Flores agreement that have been determined to bar detention of most children in immigration custody for more than 20 days." They wrote, "The rulings work together to permit detention of parents with their minor children with whom they are apprehended."

The Hill (6/29, Bowden, 2.71M) reported that the Administration may seek to "detain migrant families together for months at detention facilities as they await prosecution for illegal entry, according to a court filing from the Justice Department." While the filing did not specify the potential length of time immigrant families would be detained, immigration proceedings typically take months.

Administration Still Dealing With "Fallout" From Zero Tolerance Policy. The AP (7/1, Long, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports that in recent Senate testimony, HHS Secretary Alex Azar "could barely conceal his discomfort" as a Democratic senator asked "whether his agency had a role in designing the Trump administration's 'zero tolerance' policy that caused" immigrant children to be separated form their parents. Azar responded, "We deal with the children once they're given to us. ... So we don't – we are not the experts on immigration." The article says separating families "while sidelining the agency responsible for caring for the children was only one example of a communication breakdown in the federal government that left immigrant children in limbo, parents in the dark about their whereabouts and enraged Americans across the country." The Administration "is still dealing with the fallout: It's still not clear how officials will implement the policy or comply with a court order requiring that families be reunited within 30 days. Instead, the administration is hoping Congress will fix the mess."

Congress Leaves For Recess Without Voting On Bill To End Separation Of Immigrant Families. USA Today (6/29, Kelly, 11.4M) reported that "House and Senate leaders had expressed hope that Congress could act quickly this week to pass a narrow bill that would allow migrant children to remain with their parents at detention centers beyond the current 20-day limit," but "both chambers adjourned Thursday without a solution. They will return on July 9."

Top House Dems Want HHS-OIG, Other Agency Watchdogs To Investigate Administration's Zero Tolerance Policy. The Hill (6/29, Weixel, 2.71M) reported that "top House Democrats are asking federal agency watchdogs for a broad investigation" into the Administration's zero-tolerance immigration policies, "including the separation of children from their parents, as well as the recent executive order intended to partially roll them back." The lawmakers sent a letter Friday to the inspectors general of HHS, DHS, and the Department of Justice asking for a review of the Administration's "entire process for planning and implementing its immigration plan." The letter was signed by Reps. Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD), Jerry Nadler (D-NY), Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), the "top Democrats on the House Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce."

Dems In Connecticut Denied Access To Immigrant Child Separated From Parents. Vox (6/29, Kirby, 1.66M) reported that on Friday, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT), Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT) sought "to visit a child separated from their family who was being housed in a nonprofit facility in Groton, Connecticut." But HHS "denied the lawmakers access, according to Murphy." He tweeted, "The perverse secrecy of child separation should concern us all." Murphy added, "HHS' excuse was that we need to give 14 days notice. ... What?? 14 days of forced separation from your parent can traumatize a kid for life. And we aren't asking to see nuclear codes – we just wanted 10 min to make sure the child is ok." An HHS official "said that a visit from the members had not been approved, and confirmed that HHS requires a two-week notification, at minimum, to make sure tours

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don't interfere with the care of unaccompanied alien children."

Court Documents Allege Border Agent Wished Immigrant "Happy Mother's Day" After Informing Her Of Impending Separation From Daughter. The Arizona Republic (6/29, Ruelas, 1.21M) reported, "A Guatemalan woman said in a federal complaint filed this week that a Border Patrol agent in an Arizona detention facility, after informing her that her daughter would be taken away, mockingly wished her a happy Mother's Day." The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts is representing the woman in the lawsuit. Attorneys "say they've filed an emergency lawsuit to immediately reunite" the woman "with her daughter, who is only identified in court filings by the initials S.K. They argue that the continued separation violates the due process rights, as well as the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection."

Immigrant Families Still Separated As "Outrage" Over Zero Tolerance Policy Grows. ABC World News Tonight (6/29, story 6, 0:40, Muir, 6.53M) reported that despite the growing "outrage" over the Trump Administration's zero-tolerance policy, immigrant children remain separated from their parents. Congress left for recess without passing an immigration bill. The segment mentioned that during her last visit to the border, First Lady Melania Trump was shown "pictures of the six-year-old boy left alone in the desert, possibly by smugglers." That boy has since been transferred to HHS' custody.

Some 2,000 Immigrant Children Remain Separated From Their Parents Despite Judge's Order To Reunite Them. The New York Times (6/30, Correal, 19.33M) reported that despite "protests being held around the country on Saturday to demand the reunification of parents and children separated at the border, progress on putting families back together has been painfully slow." The article said in spite of "a federal judge's order requiring reunification within 30 days, more than 2,000 children remain scattered across 17 states, including some 300 in New York." The piece added that "their parents too have been sent around the country – to detention centers in Arizona, Colorado and as far away as Washington State." While HHS "cit[ed] the possibility that human traffickers might pose as parents [and] said that the government intends to aggressively 'vet' those who wish to gain custody of children," the Times said officials "declined to say how many children had been reunited with their relatives since President Trump ended the separation policy with an executive order."

Sponsors, Parents Reportedly Face High Transport Fees, Red Tape Before They Can Be Reunited With Immigrant Children. The New York Times (7/1, Jordan, 19.33M) reports on the transport fees and red tape facing the sponsors and parents of immigrant children. The article mentions that "Brenda, a Salvadoran [im]migrant who was separated from her 7-year-old son Kevin at the border on May 27, was charged $576.20 to cover the boy's airfare from Miami to Virginia. His escort collected the money order at Washington Dulles airport on Friday upon handing over the child to his mother." This is just one of the many "hurdles" sponsors and immigrant parents must overcome in order to be reunited with children. The piece adds that HHS' "Office of Refugee Resettlement, which has official custody of migrant children under detention and establishes conditions for releasing them, has made it clear that the requirements are intended to make sure children are not released to traffickers, and will be well cared for in their new homes."

CNN (6/29, 82.6M) featured footage of Brenda's reunion with her son at Dulles.

Advocates In New York Seek To Teach Separated Immigrant Children About Their Legal Rights. The Wall Street Journal (7/1, West, Campo-Flores, Texas, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that advocates in New York are attempting to teach immigrant children separated from their parents about their legal rights. They must use creative methods because many of these children are too young to understand the concept, and some are illiterate. The article mentions that the children are in HHS' custody, while their parents are being held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Guatemalan Girl Reunited With Mother After Two-Month Separation. The Washington Post (7/1, Rozsa, 15.68M) reports on the reunification of a 7-year-old Guatemalan girl who was separated from her family for almost two months by US border officials. The child's mother, Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez, said, "I'm so happy, so happy. ... I didn't know when I would see her again." She added, "She's happy now, but she wants her daddy," who remains in detention and faces deportation, adding, "She told me she never, ever wants to be away from her family again."

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The AP (7/1, Replogle, Kennedy) reports, "The little girl was in the custody of a child welfare agency in Michigan and made heartbreaking calls to her mother, asking when they'd be reunited."

Guatemalan Mother Detained In Arizona Begins Road Trip To New York City To Find Her Children. The Arizona Republic (7/1, Oza, 1.21M) spotlights Yeni Maricela Gonzalez Garcia, a Guatemalan immigrant who spent a month separated from her three children while detained, who is now driving with a volunteer to New York City to find her children.

Children Representing Themselves In Immigration Courts. CNN (6/30, Kopan, 82.6M) reported on immigrant children who are coming before immigration judges to "fight for permission to stay in the country." The article features an immigration attorney whose client was a "crying toddler" that "frazzled" the judge because "she couldn't believe it." CNN added, "Toddlers and infants do, in fact, appear before judges in the system to defend themselves against deportation." The piece cites immigration law experts who "have long opposed the idea of children being able to represent themselves."

Immigration Playing "Outsized" Role In Arizona's Midterms. The AP (7/1) reports, "The outrage sparked by the sights, sounds and stories of children separated from parents at the U.S.-Mexico border underscores the outsized role immigration will play in the midterms in Arizona." The article says candidates from both parties are emphasizing immigration as they campaign. The piece adds that for many Arizonans, "the immigration issue is personal," because data indicate "more than 13 percent of Arizona's population as of 2015 were individuals who were born in another country."

Following Visits To Immigration Detention Centers, It Remains To Be Seen What Action First Lady Will Take. The AP (6/30, Kellman) reported on First Lady Melania Trump's recent visits to the border during which she toured immigrant detention centers. The article said, "Now the question is what she does with that knowledge – and how she meshes it with her dislike for dividing up families and a concurrent belief in strong borders." Stephanie Grisham, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Trump, "says more border visits or talks with lawmakers are possible, but it's not clear what lessons the first lady took from her visits and what she'll communicate to her husband." Grisham added, "She cares about children deeply. ... She also believes in strong border laws and treating everybody equally."

Trump Criticizes Dems Who Are Pushing For ICE To Be Abolished. The New York Times (7/1, Cochrane, 19.33M) reports that President Trump is attacking "Democratic lawmakers who have called for abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement, seeking to seize political advantage on an issue that has put him on the defensive for weeks and offer a winning message for Republicans facing a forbidding midterm election." During an interview with Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," Trump said, "You get rid of ICE, you're going to have a country that you're going to be afraid to walk out of your house." The article adds that Trump also urged "Democratic candidates to embrace demands to dissolve the agency, saying that doing so would doom the party at the polls. 'They're going to get beaten so badly,'" he said.

The Washington Times (7/1, Boyer, 460K) reports Trump "said Sunday that Democrats 'will never win another election' if they keep pushing to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

In The Face Of Growing Criticism, Trump Defends ICE. On its front page, the Washington Post (6/30, A1, Nakamura, 15.68M) reported that President Trump "opened a new front in the immigration debate, diverting attention away from his administration's treatment of undocumented immigrants to a broader fight over the federal agency charged with detaining and deporting them." According to the Post, the President in a pair of tweets "forcefully defended the performance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and lambasted Democrats for pushing a 'radical left' agenda to abolish it, even though only a handful have publicly supported doing so." The article mentioned that once immigrant children are separated from their parents, they are turned over to HHS.

ICE Acting Director Accused Of Perpetuating Falsehood About Zero Tolerance Policy. The Huffington Post (6/29, Fang, 4.32M) reported that on Friday, Thomas Homan, acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, "perpetuated President Donald Trump's lie that Congress is responsible for the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy of separating young, undocumented immigrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border." Homan said, "We are enforcing the laws that they enacted. ... We're out, doing our sworn

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oath, enforcing the laws that they enacted, and they're going to vilify us for doing it."

ICE Raids Reportedly Separating Children From Immigrant Parents. The Washington Post (6/30, 15.68M) reported that while the Administration promises "to reunite families separated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the U.S. border, a similar crisis continues unabated within the country's interior, where children are separated from their undocumented parents with little scrutiny and increasing frequency." ICE has, in recent months, "carried out the three biggest workplace immigration raids of the past decade, including one on June 5 at a nursery here in rural Ohio, where 114 gardeners, florists and other workers were detained and put into court proceedings for deportation." Many had lived for several years in a nearby "trailer park of 74 homes known as Little Mexico, where now aid workers estimate that more than 90 children are missing one parent and at least 20 are left with no parent at all."

Advocates Say Separated Immigrant Parents Are Failing Asylum Screenings Because They Are Too Distraught. The Huffington Post (6/30, Chapin, 4.32M) reported that advocates say immigrant parents who have been separated from their children "are too devastated to prepare for their court hearings. Instead, they replay the moment their kids were taken away by Border Patrol, worry about their children's well-being, and ask repeatedly where their sons and daughters are. In some cases, they simply weep." One activist said "over half of the roughly 20 parents she spoke with on Thursday did not pass their 'credible fear' interviews – a process that determines a person's asylum eligibility." She is convinced the parents "are too distressed about their children to effectively tell an asylum officer why they fled their country and could be killed upon return."

Some Concerned Immigrant Children Separated From Parents Could Be Put Up For Adoption. The Arizona Republic (6/29, White, 1.21M) reported, "Since the Trump administration's zero-tolerance border policy led to the separation of more than 2,300 immigrant children from their relatives since early May, some have wondered: Could these kids end up being adopted by American families?" Some immigrants allege they heard border agents say some of the separated children would be adopted after their parents were deported. HHS "has insisted that separated minors will soon be reunited with their relatives. Foster and adoption agencies have said separated children need to be with their families and will never be put up for adoption." However, "there are a number of scenarios that could complicate that."

The Detroit Free Press (6/30, Baldas, 1.21M) reported that Bethany Christian Services in Michigan insists that separated immigrant parents and children are being reunited. Bethany said the more than 50 children in the state "will not be adopted. These children have families, and we will continue to pursue reunification with their families."

Nonprofit Says Its Database Could Help Unite Separated Immigrant Children With Parents. The Dallas Morning News (6/29, Solis, 1.05M) reported, "A nonprofit has created a database that could help more than 2,000 immigrant children be swiftly reconnected with their parents even as lawyers and advocates become increasingly frustrated about not knowing where many of the children are." The article said this "database will allow parents and legal representatives who are trying to locate separated children to submit inquires by phone and email," and "from there, the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nonprofit, and its partners hope to connect the families with attorneys to work on the immigrants' legal cases."

Experts Say More Central American Children Are Immigrating To The US Because Of Violence, Lack Of Opportunities. The Washington Post (6/29, Schwartz, 15.68M) examined why so many children from Central America are coming to the US. Experts attribute this trend to "economic factors and violence and insecurity. The first group includes the lack of economic opportunity, including a lack of jobs or inadequate opportunities for education. The second group includes violence and victimization, not just by gangs, other criminal groups and state security forces but at home as well."

More Commentary. The New York Times (6/29, 19.33M) said in an editorial that separating families caught illegally crossing the US-Mexico border exemplifies "cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation." The Times added, "The Trump administration has committed a gross offense," and urged all Americans to "demand that it promptly reunite these children with their parents."

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Author and former Border Patrol agent Francisco Cantú wrote in a New York Times (6/30, 19.33M) op-ed that it is crucial "to understand that the crisis of separation manufactured by the Trump administration is only the most visibly abhorrent manifestation of a decades-long project to create a 'state of exception' along our southern border." He added, "The logic of deterrence is not unlike that of war: It has transformed the border into a state of exception where some of the most vulnerable people on earth face death and disappearance and where children are torn from their parents to send the message You are not safe here. In this sense, the situation at the border has reached a point of crisis – not one of criminality but of disregard for human life."

Jennifer Rubin writes in the Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) "Right Turn" blog that "President Trump is prepared to incarcerate entire families for indeterminate periods of time for what has been traditionally treated as a misdemeanor." She argues, "This is as inhumane as it is wasteful and dangerous; rather than use resources to go after drug runners and human trafficking and other serious offenses, the administration will be spending resources to stand guard over families."

Alexandra F. Levy, a senior staff attorney at the Human Trafficking Legal Center, wrote in a Washington Post (6/29, 15.68M) op-ed about "who stands to gain from the Trump administration's immigration policies." She said it is not immigrant children or their parents or even the US. Rather, it is the "two largest private prison contractors in the United States, GEO Group and CoreCivic," which "house thousands of immigrant detainees across the country. These corporations now face allegations that they force immigrant detainees to perform unpaid labor inside their facilities."

Sarah Lustbader, a former public defender, writes in the Washington Post (7/1, Lustbader, 15.68M) that the Administration's defense of its family separation policy "boiled down to the following: The child's suffering is the price the parent must pay for breaking the rules. Children are, in essence, collateral damage." Lustbader points out, "Every day, we lock parents up for decades in our prisons regardless of how it will affect their children, and no one bats an eye." She concludes, "We should be demanding more humanity of our system across the board – not just at the border."

In an editorial, USA Today (7/1, 11.4M) writes, "Sometime in the not-too-distant future, the United States could face simultaneous crises, and the word of the White House would be crucial." The editorial goes on to say that "most Americans have come to recognize Trump's long and sordid abuse of facts," and "in recent weeks, his falsehoods have come even faster and with greater vigor." The editorial questions whether the White House will have the requisite credibility when that crisis comes.

Anthony Scaramucci, former White House director of communications, writes in USA Today (7/1, Scaramucci, 11.4M) that following the "child separation fiasco, President Donald Trump doesn't have a credibility problem – but his chief of staff and the Democrats do." Scaramucci takes issue with the "messaging" of the policy. He concludes, "The president wants to find common ground, but the 'resistance' is peddling false narratives to avoid making a deal," adding, "the Democrats, not the president, have the real credibility problem."

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Judge Strikes Down Kentucky's Medicaid Work Rules. The New York Times (6/29, Goodnough, 19.33M) reported that US District Judge James Boasberg on Friday "blocked Kentucky's closely watched plan to require many Medicaid recipients to work, volunteer or train for a job as a condition of coverage." The Times said the ruling in the Kentucky case "is the first on this issue, but it will almost certainly not be the last; the question may wind up before a more conservative Supreme Court with two Trump appointees." The Trump Administration and the state of Kentucky had argued "that Congress gave the health and human services secretary broad discretion to approve Medicaid demonstration projects. Lawyers for the administration also argued that" HHS Secretary Alex Azar "provided plenty of evidence that working improves health." Judge Boasberg disagreed, saying, "While the ultimate decision whether to grant approval rests with the secretary, his discretion is not boundless."

NPR (6/29, Kodjak, 3.55M) reported that in Friday's ruling, Judge Boasberg "called the Trump administration's approval of the program, Kentucky HEALTH, 'arbitrary and capricious.'" He writes "that in approving Kentucky's work

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requirement proposal, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar 'never adequately considered whether Kentucky HEALTH would in fact help the state furnish medical assistance to its citizens, a central objective of Medicaid.'"

The Washington Post (6/29, Sun, Goldstein, 15.68M) reported that Boasberg's decision "sends the state's program, Kentucky HEALTH, back to the federal Department of Health and Human Services for further review." Bloomberg News (6/29, 4.46M) reported Trump's HHS department "'never adequately considered whether Kentucky Health would in fact help the state furnish medical assistance to its citizens, a central objective of Medicaid,' Boasberg wrote."

Reuters (6/29, Raymond) reported Kentucky "was the first of four states to receive approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to require that able-bodied Medicaid recipients work at least 80 hours a month or lose their benefits." Kentucky "said the judge had blocked the program on the 'narrow basis' that HHS failed to consider its impact on Medicaid coverage, and that the state would work with HHS to address that problem so the program could take effect." Adam Meier, secretary of Kentucky's health department, is quoted saying, "'We will have no choice but to make significant benefit reductions' without implementing the work requirements."

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Armour, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Verma said, "We are conferring with the Department of Justice to chart a path forward." Verma added, "In the meantime, we will continue to support innovative, state-driven policies that are designed to advance the objectives of the Medicaid program by improving health outcomes for thousands of low-income Americans."

The AP (6/29, Beam, Alonso-Zaldivar) reported the national implications of Friday's ruling "could take a while to sort out. Officials in Arkansas have already implemented similar work requirement rules there." The drive "to expand Medicaid in GOP-led states had gotten a boost from the prospect of work requirements, which appeal to conservatives. In Virginia, work requirements are part of a compromise between Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam and Republican legislators to expand Medicaid."

The Washington Examiner (6/29, Leonard, 340K) reported the requirements "would have gone into effect Sunday. Republican Gov. Matt Bevin had threatened to discontinue Medicaid expansion in the state, which covers more than 500,000 people, if the requirements were struck down."

Additional coverage is provided by CNN (6/29, Luhby, 82.6M), Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Subscription Publication), Forbes (6/29, Japsen, 10.34M), Fortune (6/29, 3.91M), Healthcare Finance News (6/29, 93K), The Hill (6/29, Weixel, 2.71M), the Huffington Post (6/29, Young, 4.32M), Kaiser Health News (6/29), Modern Healthcare (6/29, Subscription Publication, 239K), the Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (6/29, 419K), Politico (6/29, Pradhan, 3.51M), Vox (6/29, 1.66M), and the Detroit Free Press (6/29, Spangler, 1.21M).

UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

Suit Filed Against HHS Alleges "A Wide Range Of Abuses" Against Unaccompanied Minors. USA Today (6/29, Gomez, 11.4M) reported that on Friday, several legal groups filed a lawsuit accusing HHS "of mistreating unaccompanied minors in its custody, ordering them to take psychotropic drugs without their relatives' consent and making it overly difficult to reunite them with family." The suit was filed on behalf of "five minors who allege a wide range of abuses at the hands of contractors who run shelters for Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement." One of the children, "a 12-year-old boy from Guatemala who has been in custody since February, has allegedly been administered psychotropic drugs to treat depression that he developed while in custody." The suit says "the boy refused to continue taking the medication because it hurt his stomach, which led shelter officials to transfer him to a psychiatric institution without consulting his adult sister, who had been trying to win his release."

The Washington Post (6/29, Davis, 15.68M) reported that the lawsuit alleges the 12-year-old boy "went from being calm and cooperative to showing signs of depression brought on by 'being kept from his family,'" which had crossed into the US illegally ahead of him. Leecia Welch, an attorney for the National Center for Youth Law, one of the groups that brought the case, said,

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"Basic due-process rights" are being "trampled" by the Trump Administration. She added that "parents of children are going through the ringer trying to get their kids out of these detention facilities."

The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Lazo, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that the suit is seeking class-action status. The five children are from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico. It names HHS Secretary Alex Azar and ORR Director E. Scott Lloyd as defendants.

The Hill (6/30, Anapol, 2.71M) reported that the suit was "filed Friday in a federal court in California." The five children range in age from 12 to 17, and they all arrived in the US as unaccompanied minors. The suit "alleges that the minors have been held in 'jail-like' conditions and experienced 'cruel' practices, including being prescribed antidepressants, that may result in lifelong trauma and 'emotional harm.'"

NBC News (6/30, Mandell, 5.76M) and Newsweek (6/30, Hutzler, 2.18M) also covered the story.

House GOP Seeks Answers From Azar About ORR. The Hill (6/29, Hellmann, 2.71M) reported that Republicans on the House Energy & Commerce Committee have sent a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar asking for answers about the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The article said the lawmakers "asked for answers to a series of questions about children in ORR custody, including: how many are in ORR custody as a result of being separated from their parents or families; does ORR have the resources to properly care for the high number of children being transferred to their custody; what steps is ORR taking to track and address issues of abuse within HHS funded facilities and what medications is ORR authorized to administer." The letter stated, "Given HHS' historical difficulties in properly caring for [the children], the committee believes that additional scrutiny of ORR is warranted at this time."

Fake Story About HHS Losing Immigrant Children Resulted In Discovery Of Separations At The Southern Border. On its website, ABC News (6/30, Pearle, 1.85M) reported that the story about HHS losing almost 1,500 immigrant children was untrue, yet "it was enough to outrage politicians, stir up journalists and make the public ask questions. Chasing this misleading story...helped uncover a story that many found even more troubling. And this one was real." The article said that in April, "Steven Wagner, an official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who oversees programs that place unaccompanied minors with families, told a Senate committee that a department office 'was unable to determine with certainty the whereabouts of 1,475 unaccompanied alien children' who had been placed with sponsors living in the United States." In May, Deputy HHS Secretary Eric Hargan "disputed what was becoming a widespread narrative, saying these children were not 'lost' but had simply been placed with friends and extended family members" who could not be reached. The piece added that while investigating this story, reporters uncovered the Trump Administration's policy of separating immigrant families at the southern border.

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HHS' Severino Speaks At National Right To Life Conference. The Wichita (KS) Eagle (6/29, Burgess, 316K) reported Roger Severino, who directs the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights, was the featured speaker at the National Right to Life convention Thursday, becoming the first HHS official "in recent memory" to speak at the nation's largest anti-abortion organization. Severino said in his remarks, "Our president is fearless when it comes to life and conscience," adding, "We're just getting started."

Several Mid-Level HHS Officials Reportedly Emulating Trump In Tweets. Politico (6/29, Diamond, 3.51M) profiled several "midlevel political appointees at the Health and Human Services Department who have helped shape the agency's communications strategy – even while taking a page out of President Donald Trump's playbook" by emulating his "taunts and gibes" on Twitter. According to Politico, the behavior "suggest[s] that some officials feel empowered to mimic the president even while representing the government to millions of taxpayers and working alongside career federal employees." The article added that the tweeting "also raises questions about whether any officials are violating the Hatch Act, which is

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intended to ban most federal personnel from bringing politics into the workplace." The piece mentioned officials such as Gavin Smith, "an HHS staffer who identifies himself as deputy communications director," Ximena Barreto, "a deputy communications director who worked on the Trump campaign," and Jon Cordova, "the principal deputy assistant secretary for administration."

CMS Looking For Chief Health Informatics Officer. MedCity News (6/29, Dietsche) reported the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "is seeking a chief health informatics officer, according to a job posting on USAjobs.gov." The individual chosen for the role "will develop requirements and content for health-related information technology with an initial focus on improving innovation and interoperability."

CMS Releases Payment Data, Reveals Drug And Medical Device Company Contributions. The Washington Examiner (6/29, King, 340K) reported that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released its 2017 payment information on Friday. Data show drug and medical device companies provided "$8.4 billion to doctors and teaching hospitals," that year. According to the figures, "the biggest amount, $4.7 billion, went to research. Coming in second was $2.82 billion for general payments, which include items such as meals, travel to speaking events, and speaking fees."

National Guard Soldiers May Have Sleep Problems After Returning Home From The Battlefield, Research Suggests. Reuters (6/29, Weinstock) reported that research suggests "National Guard soldiers may be plagued with sleep problems when they return home from the battlefield." The findings were published online in Sleep Health. Reuters added, "Michael Twery, director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute...told Reuters Health by phone that while the study was a small one and needs to be replicated in larger groups of soldiers, it '(lays) a foundation to help us design more definitive studies of sleep in this population.'"

Federal Officials Say Romaine Lettuce-Linked E. Coli Outbreak Is Officially Over. The Los Angeles Times (6/29, Millman, 4.03M) reported that Federal officials have said the E. coli outbreak tied to Yuma, AZ-grown romaine lettuce is officially over. The CDC has found no "new cases from the outbreak, which started in mid-March and infected people in 36 states." The Times reported, "Dirty irrigation canal water is expected to have caused the outbreak, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Thursday, and officials are investigating how the bacteria got into the water." Meanwhile, the CDC reported "the last E. coli case from this outbreak June 6."

The New York Times (7/1, Jacobs, 19.33M) reports, "Samples of canal water in the Yuma area of Arizona were found to contain the same genetic strain of E. coli that caused the outbreak, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, commissioner of the federal Food and Drug Administration, said in a statement." Dr. Gottlieb said, "More work needs to be done to determine just how and why this strain of E. coli O157: H7 could have gotten into this body of water and how that led to contamination of romaine lettuce from multiple farms."

Emergency Departments Struggling Through Shortages Of Crucial Drugs. The New York Times (7/1, Thomas, 19.33M) reports that emergency departments nationwide are struggling with shortages of "crucial drugs like morphine, which is used to ease the pain of injuries like broken bones, or diltiazem, a heart drug." The Times adds, "For years, drug shortages have created a behind-the-scenes scramble as pharmacists, doctors and nurses cobble together fixes that are often invisible to patients," but physicians "around the country say the latest shortages are more directly affecting patient care." A survey of emergency physicians in May by the American College of Emergency Physicians "found that 9 of 10 said they didn't have access to critical medicines, and nearly 4 in 10 said that patients had been negatively affected." FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb "acknowledged in an interview that while the agency has made progress, it has not solved the underlying problem," saying, "We are still in the position of trying to put a Band-Aid on a market that fundamentally hasn't changed."

Amazon's PillPack Deal Unlikely To Impact Drug Costs, Analysts Say. The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Rockoff, Walker,

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Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that Amazon's deal to purchase PillPack may make filling prescriptions more convenient, but is unlikely to address prescription drug costs, according to industry experts. Those experts suggested that Amazon may be able to negotiate to offer generic versions of medications, but that the main issue with US drug spending is rising cost driven by high-priced biotech therapies, which often must be injected or infused, and which retail pharmacies don't dispense. However, the deal threatens to shift market share from the 64,500 US retail pharmacies, and some analysts suggest Amazon could be looking to take over the role of pharmacy-benefit managers, which currently negotiate drug discounts for insurers and employers.

Meanwhile, CNBC (6/29, Lovelace, 4.81M) reported, "FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb says Amazon's new push into health care is just fine because anything that makes much needed products, like pharmaceuticals, more accessible to consumers and lowers costs is a positive." In a June 29 interview with CNBC's "Squawk Box," Gottlieb said, "Disruptive competition is a good thing."

First Cannabis-Based Prescription Drug Approved By FDA Marks "Watershed" Moment, Industry Members Say. Bloomberg News (6/29, Buckley, 4.46M) reported GW Pharmaceuticals has received FDA approval for its medical marijuana treatment "Epidiolex, a prescription drug for children with severe epilepsy," which has been "genetically modified to remove the psychoactive properties." As the "first prescription medicine derived from cannabis permitted to be sold in the U.S.," the drug's approval has been heralded by some industry members as "a watershed event" that the piece said "should help alleviate skepticism among some physicians about the plant's medical uses."

FDA Commissioner Comments On Efforts To Stem Online Opioid Sales. CNBC's Squawk Box (6/29, 85K) reported on the FDA's summit with Facebook, Google, Twitter, and other Internet companies seeking their help in cracking down on online opioid sales. In an interview, FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said, "In 2015, there was data that came out that showed $15 million of online sales, but we're seeing more and more of the sales being shifted to the online I think as we start to reduce lawful prescribing, so a lot of the medical – a lot of the addiction was people got medically addicted as we see doctors start to prescribe fewer opioids, we're fearful that more and more of the new addiction is going to shift to illicit sources, and a lot of those sales are taking place online." Gottlieb characterized big Internet companies as having "been helpful" and said that "we've been working with them for some period of time now."

FDA Report Suggests Ways To Improve Its Hiring Process. Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Siddons, Subscription Publication) reported that the FDA issued a new report that showed that the agency "sees ways that its ability to hire qualified staff could be improved, even after Congress granted it new hiring authorities at the end of 2016." The report noted that the new authorities it was granted "included the ability to offer higher salaries for some positions." The report largely "focuses on ways that the FDA has been implementing new hire authorities, including which positions it is designating for higher pay scales and how it has sped up its hiring process in several areas."

FDA Policy Limiting Blood Donations From Gay Men Draws Scrutiny. The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/29, Randle, 636K) reported an FDA policy from 1983 requiring blood banks "to prohibit men who have sex with men from donating blood, blood components or plasma" has become "a point of contention for many in the LGBT community who viewed it as archaic and stigmatizing in a time when HIV is less of a threat." The FDA in 2015 "amended its ban to a '12 month deferment' policy, allowing men to donate blood as long as they haven't had sex with other men for the past year," but skeptics continue to argue against it. The piece adds that FDA spokeswoman Megan McSeveney said the agency is "fully committed in its actions to facilitate change" and is seeking new means to evaluate blood donors.

FDA Warns Pfizer Over "Misleading" Consumer Video. STAT Plus (6/29, Silverman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported the Food and Drug Administration "scolded" Pfizer "over a consumer video that created a 'misleading

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impression' of the Estring vaginal ring because there was no risk information." In a June 19 letter, the FDA "argued the video 'misleadingly suggests that patients will experience similar results'" as the person depicted in the video, and the FDA "complained this was 'especially concerning from a public health perspective' because Estring product labeling mentions several serious, life-threatening risks, including two forms of cancer."

Op-Ed Touts FDA Allowance Of Off-Label Healthcare Economic Discussions. In STAT (6/29, 27K) "First Opinion," John Osborn, a senior advisor with Hogan Lovells and a visiting scholar at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and Seth Ray, a senior counsel with O'Melveny & Myers, touted the Trump Administration's issuance of "final guidance that allows drug companies and device makers to provide health care economic and other supporting information to payers and formulary committees, even if the information is outside of the FDA approved labeling and was not submitted to the agency in the course of product approval." They suggested that this development "raises the question of whether the agency will take steps to allow companies to provide truthful off-label information to physicians and patients in other contexts." They noted that "in April, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb signaled that an expanded safe harbor was coming soon that would provide a 'more robust framework' to allow companies to discuss the value proposition and health economic benefits of off-label uses."

Maple Syrup Producers, Beekeepers Oppose FDA's "Added Sugars" Label. The AP (7/1) reports that the FDA's "added sugars" labeling is being opposed by maple syrup producers and beekeepers. The agency "has received more than 3,000 comments on its proposal, most of which are from honey and maple syrup producers, the Wisconsin Public Radio reported." The AP reports, "The FDA said that it's looking forward to 'working with stakeholders to devise a sensible solution," but the "agency said it acknowledges that the feedback from producers indicates that their proposal 'does not provide the clarity that the FDA intended.'"

CDC Director Changes Stance On Use Of Condoms To Prevent STDs. The AP (6/29, Stobbe) reported that CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield Jr. "once opposed condoms and needle exchange programs as ways to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases." But this week, he said during an interview that "his views have changed." He told the AP that "it has become clear to him that condoms and needle exchanges work as part of comprehensive programs to stop the spread of certain infectious diseases." Redfield was quoted as saying, "One thing I can commit to is CDC is not an opinion organization. It's a science-based, data-driven organization." Speaking about the AIDS epidemic, he added, "We do have the tools to end this epidemic. Let's use them."

CDC Map Illustrates Incidence Of Pediatric Cancer In Different US Regions. On its website, NBC News (6/29, 5.76M) reported a new CDC map of cancers in the US indicates pediatric "cancer rates are the highest in the Northeast and lowest in the South," that leukemia "is more common in the western states," and "rates of pediatric lymphoma and brain cancer are higher in the Northeast." Lead report author CDC epidemiologist Dr. David Siegel wrote, "Variation in childhood cancer incidence might be related to differences in exposures to carcinogenic chemicals (e.g., air pollution, secondhand smoke, food, or drinking water) or radiation." The piece added, "there might be genetic variations in different populations. Inherited genetics account for about 5 percent of all childhood cancer, the National Cancer Institute says." The NCI was quoted as saying that in adults, certain "gene mutations reflect the cumulative effects of aging and long-term exposure to cancer-causing substances."

Health Exec (6/29, Leider) reported the CDC study sourced "data for 2003-2014 from the National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance," a period during which "171,432 cases of pediatric cancer were identified – an incidence rate of 173.7 cases per one million children."

House Legislators Seek More Transparency From FNIH Concerning Donors. Science Magazine (6/29, Mervis, 441K) reported a House appropriations subcommittee is concerned that the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) may not be adhering to funding disclosure rules

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dictated by the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). Science said the House report specifically addressed identifying donors "who have attached strings to their gift by labeling them as 'anonymous.'" However, FNIH senior vice president of research partnerships David Wholley said, "We have the responsibility...to do these partnerships that support the NIH mission. ... And we have always complied with the law." FNIH development office head Julie Wolf-Rodda said, "The lion's share of anonymous gifts are from a relative of someone who was treated at the NIH Clinical Center...and doesn't want their name listed in the annual report." The piece noted that "NIH Director Francis Collins canceled a $100-million study on the effects of moderate alcohol drinking" following "an investigation found NIH staff had improperly solicited industry directly and shaped the study to satisfy industry interests."

NCI Research Funding Priorities Following Budget Increases Outlined. In a paywalled piece, the Cancer Letter (6/29, Ong) reported on the NCI's funding priorities after receiving "a $147 million increase to the Research Grant Project pool," $60 million for "targeted research opportunities," "a $20 million increase for centers and SPOREs," and "$10 million for the National Clinical Trials Network and the NCI Community Oncology Research Program." With its "$275 million increase over fiscal 2017 levels," NCI has an enacted 2018 budget of $5.66 billion. The piece quoted NCI Director Ned Sharpless as saying, "there was about almost a $40 million increase in taps, benefits, and salaries. ... These are things that the NCI has to experience. There's an increase to our [Small Business Innovation Research program] funding, it's a fixed grade of our external budget."

NCI Establishes National Clinical Trials Network Navigator To Augment Access To Cancer Trial Specimens, Data. HemOnc Today (6/29, Mishkin, 98K) reported the NCI recently established the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) Navigator which aims "to improve the research community's access to specimens and data collected from cancer treatment trials" by providing researchers with "access to specimens donated by adults who participated in published NCI-sponsored phase 3 cancer trials." The piece included an interview with Grace Mishkin, MPH, public health analyst at NCI, who explained, "This initiative is designed to align with the goals of NCTN by taking a more network-wide centralized approach to making the specimens from these trials more available to the wider research community," adding, "Ultimately, the goal is to have studies come through the navigator process and evaluate biomarkers that can hopefully be used in future clinical trials."

NIDOCD Study Indicates Partially-Restored Hearing In Mouse Model Of Inherited Deafness. The Beckley (WV) Register-Herald (7/1, Holdren, 59K) reports a new study conducted by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, the University of Iowa, and Iowa City indicates new understandings of "the molecular mechanism in a form of deafness, DFNA27," and "focused on a small-molecule drug – the first to preserve hearing in a mouse model of an inherited form of progressive human deafness." Study co-author Thomas B. Friedman, PhD, chief of the Laboratory of Human Molecular Genetics at the NIDCD, explained, "We were able to partially restore hearing, especially at lower frequencies, and save some sensory hair cells." Andrew J. Griffith, scientific director of the NIDCD, said that by following the genetic indicators, "We find novel and unexpected pathways that can, in cases such as this one, uncover unexpected potential treatment strategies in humans."

Senate Committee Considers Additional $2 Billion For NIH In 2019. In a paywalled piece, the Cancer Letter (6/29, Williams, Ong) reported the Senate Committee on Appropriations submitted a fiscal 2019 spending bill last week which would increase NIH funding by $2 billion, giving it $39.1 billion. If the measure is enacted, "federally-funded biomedical research would get its fourth consecutive increase," and $190 million in new money of the total allocation would "trickle down to NCI." The piece added that the House similarly drafted a bill which "proposes a $1.25 billion increase for NIH, bringing the total to $38.3 billion."

NIH Recommends Strategies For Older Adults To Avoid Hypothermia In Summer Heat. The Beckley (WV) Register-Herald (6/29, Holdren, Nelson, 59K) reported, "The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is encouraging older adults to take certain

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precautions this summer to avoid hyperthermia," recommending that older adults "stay indoors on particularly hot and humid days." The NIH also advises staying hydrated, wearing light-colored and loose-fitting clothes, keeping homes and community centers cool, and visiting air-conditioned locations.

Johns Hopkins Tops List Of Leading NIH Grant Recipients In Baltimore Area. The Baltimore Business Journal (6/29, Sieron, Subscription Publication, 823K) reported Johns Hopkins University again leads the list of top NIH grant recipients in Greater Baltimore for 2017 "with a total grant value of $651.8 million last year." The other leading grant recipients include the University of Maryland, Baltimore, the Kennedy Krieger Institute, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Profectus BioSciences Inc.

OPIOID CRISIS

Opioid Deaths In Missouri Still On The Rise, But Growth Rate Slowing Down. The AP (7/1) reports that while opioid related deaths "continue to increase in Missouri, the growth rate is slowing down, according to a new report." The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services "found that there was a 4.7 percent increase in opioid deaths from 2016 to 2017, the Columbia Missourian reported." That rate "is much lower than the 35 percent spike seen from 2015 to 2016."

Ohio Auditor's Report Shows Impact Of Opioids On Medicaid. The AP (7/1) reports that a state auditor's report "looking at the impact of the opioid crisis on state Medicaid spending shows the number of Ohio Medicaid recipients with an opioid-related diagnosis quadrupling from 2010 to 2016." The report "recently released by Ohio Auditor Dave Yost shows the number of Ohio Medicaid recipients with an opioid-related diagnosis climbed 430 percent between 2010 and 2016."

New Research Shows How Opioids Are Impacting The Workforce In Kentucky. The AP (6/30) reported that new research shows how opioids are affecting the workforce in Kentucky. The research shows "that the state's high use of painkilling drugs called opioids appears to have reduced the labor pool." In a paper "published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, economists Dionissi Aliprantis and Mark E. Schweitzer estimated that participation in the labor force by men in their prime working years – ages 24 to 54 – was 4.6 percent less on average in counties with high rates of opioid prescribing than in counties with low prescribing rates."

Georgia Will Require Doctors To Check Database Before Prescribing Opioids. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (6/29, 1.09M) reported that starting July 1, writing a prescription for opioid pain medications in Georgia "will require an extra step...that lawmakers hope may push health care professionals to make better prescribing decisions." A state law that was passed last year "mandates that doctors, dentists and other prescribers check a database to determine what prescriptions patients have recently filled before doling out certain drugs, including opioid painkillers and benzodiazepines such as Xanax."

Arizona County Joins Opioid Manufacturer Lawsuit. The Arizona Republic (6/30, Wagner, 1.21M) reported that cities and counties across the US "have joined a nationwide lawsuit against corporations that make and distribute opioids, seeking to recoup tax dollars spent fighting America's painkiller-addiction epidemic." Cochise County in Arizona "became the latest to file suit this week, joining at least 1,500 local, state and tribal governments that in the past year have filed federal court complaints against Purdue Pharma LP, the manufacturer of OxyContin, and other companies."

Pennsylvania Law Aims To Protect Newborns Affected By Opioid Addiction. The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/29, McCullough, 1.07M) reported the Pennsylvania legislature last week passed a bill "that will dramatically change the rules for safeguarding newborns who go home from the hospital with mothers battling addiction." The overhaul, "effective in October, says any newborn 'affected' by the mother's drug use during pregnancy must be reported by the hospital to the county's child protective agency, which must 'immediately' assess whether protective custody is needed. The

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agency has to develop a 'plan of safe care' for babies who go home."

Innovative Program At Kentucky Jail Provides In-House Rehab For Inmates. Fox News (7/1, Kesten, 16.38M) reports that a jail in Kenton County, Kentucky started "an innovative pilot program" back in 2015 that provides in-house rehab for inmates. Today, the program "is so successful that it has a running waitlist," and "the vast majority of men sign themselves up." That rehab program, "called Unit 104, houses 70 men," who "have access to alcoholics and narcotics anonymous meetings, along with a daily schedule of classes to prepare for the G.E.D. or future job interviews."

Nashville Family Loses Three Loved Ones "To Drugs' Grip." The Tennessean (7/1, Wadhwani, 513K) reports that a family in Nashville has lost three loved ones in drug-related accidents since 2013. Mickey and Tina Baltz's son died in a car accident in 2013 when former 3 Doors Down bassist – having the opioid oxycodone and the muscle relaxant alprazolam in his system – clipped his car on the interstate. Then in 2016, their daughter's former boyfriend, Ralph Hardin, 29, "was fatally shot with his own gun in a room at the Red Roof Inn, where – the Baltzes say – he had gone to confront" the Baltz's daughter's drug dealer. And earlier this year, their daughter, Heather Baltz, died "of a heart infection doctors believe originated with a contaminated needle used to shoot heroin. She had turned to heroin after running out of pain pills prescribed for gallbladder surgery in 2014."

Media Collaborates To Share Solutions To Opioid Crisis. The AP (6/28, De Groot) reported more than 50 print, digital, and broadcast news organizations "are casting a spotlight on the diverse and sometimes out-of the-ordinary tactics being used to combat the devastating effects of the opioids crisis across Pennsylvania, from the smallest towns to the biggest cities." One goal of the media collaboration was "to make sure communities in every part of the state are aware of strategies, innovations and community efforts that are helping to alleviate the crisis, or at least show promise."

Police Using Databases To Crack Down On Opioid Abuse. Politico (6/29, Tahir, 3.51M) reported, "Bolstered by harsh law-and-order rhetoric from President Donald Trump and his aides, police around the country are using electronic databases to unleash a vast crackdown on opioid abusers and the allegedly crooked doctors who sustain them." The databases are helping "to reduce opioid prescriptions, which have fallen by nearly a third since 2011."

Metrohealth Cuts Opioid Prescriptions By 3 Million. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/29, 1.03M) reported the MetroHealth System "is looking internally to strike the next blow in Ohio's battle against the opioid epidemic." MetroHealth "cut the number of opioid pills prescribed by 3 million, Dr. Akram Boutros, president and CEO of MetroHealth, announced Friday during MetroHealth's annual stakeholders meeting at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland." During the annual meeting, Boutros "also told the crowd of 700 about a new initiative to address community trauma and shared updated plans for a new 11-story, 270-bed 'hospital in a park' on its main campus off West 25th Street."

Modern Healthcare (6/29, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported the efforts "resulted in 33% fewer opioid prescriptions compared with the previous 18 months." That includes "a 62% drop in prescriptions for acute pain and a 25% cut in prescriptions for chronic pain."

NBC Analysis: France Seems To Have Solution To Its Own Opioid Crisis. NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 9, 3:10, Jackson, 8.26M) reported that France appears to have found a way to "dramatically cut down on the number of people who die from overdosing" on opioids. France, which went through it's "own opioid epidemic" in the 1980s and 1990s, began allowing all general practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine in the mid-1990s. In four years, "overdose deaths dropped by 79 percent, and even now, 64 percent of heroin and other opioid substance abusers are on the treatment. Under France's universal health system, it's free." NBC's Dr. John Torres said buprenorphine "works and saves lives" but isn't being used in the US because it's not covered in all states, and doctors who would prescribe it would need "special training."

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MENTAL ILLNESS

Student Groups On College Campuses May Improve Access To Mental Health Resources, Study Suggests. The Huffington Post (6/30, Pajer, 4.32M) reported that some college students "are taking action" to improve access to mental healthcare and "address the culture that makes their peers reluctant to seek help." The article said some students "have formed clubs and support groups," while "others educate fellow students about mental health offerings on campus." A new study which examines such groups across 12 California schools found that "students' efforts are working," and said that the presence of these groups on campus "was found to foster an increase in general knowledge and positive attitudes about mental health," according to the article.

HEALTHCARE FRAUD

Tennessee CEO Indicted In $2.5 Million Medicare Fraud Case. The Tennessean (6/29, Kelman, 513K) reported in continuing coverage about a "nationwide health care fraud takedown" that "led to hundreds of arrests in a host of unconnected cases across the nation." The article said "Brenda Montgomery, 70, of Camden, the owner of CCC Medical, Inc., has been charged with conspiracy and bribery, according to a federal indictment that was unsealed Thursday." The Tennessee company "sold knee, wrist and back braces." According to the piece, "Montgomery was identified as [the] leader of the alleged Tennessee bribery conspiracy, which prosecutors say spanned six years before being discovered in January. Federal prosecutors also charged four others: Beau Jones, 50, of Loudon; and Sarah Dacus, 36; Greg Lawson, 42; and Josh Wiley, 35; all of Knoxville."

Dallas Healthcare Center Service Provider Charged In $2.5 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme. The Dallas Morning News (6/29, Coello, Reporter, 1.05M) reported that the operator of a Dallas healthcare practice was arrested Thursday and "faces a fraud charge after a record-breaking enforcement action by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force." A federal complaint alleges that Nehaj Rizvi, 29, who operated Life Spring Housecall Physicians, "used a physician's signature stamp to sign certifications and orders for supposedly homebound patients who did not actually need the endorsed treatments," according to the article. Life Spring distributed physician orders and certifications "to over 100 home health agencies, allowing them to charge Medicare about $2.5 million in false billings, according to the complaint."

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

Epilepsy Drug's Price Increase Highlighted. CNN (6/29, Drash, For, 82.6M) highlighted the case of Trevor Foltz, a teen who lives with infantile spasms, a rare form of epilepsy. The treatment needed for his survival, Acthar (repository corticotropin), increased in price from $1,600 per dose to "more than $23,000," and his family "wrestled with their insurance" to get him treated "at a cost of more than $125,000." The family had to fight for another round of treatment more than a year later, meaning another cost of $125,000. The drug, first invented in the 1930s, cost $40 per vial back in 2001 and now costs $39,000 per vial. Ultimately, the steep price hike "resulted in a $100 million settlement between the government and the drugmaker – as well as revelations that Medicare has spent nearly $2 billion covering Acthar prescriptions for seniors while the drugmaker paid millions to prescribing doctors."

Op-Ed: "American Patients First" Plan Neglects Key Elements Necessary To Reduce Drug Costs. Hagop Kantarjian, MD, health policy fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and Vivian Ho, PhD, Baker Institute chair in health economics and director at the Center for Health and Biosciences, write in an op-ed for The Hill (7/1, 2.71M) that the Trump Administration "should reconsider thoughtfully" the "American Patients First" drug pricing proposal released in May by the Department of Health and Human Services because it "is unlikely" the plan will yield the changes necessary to cut drug costs. According to the authors, a successful plan "must address controlling drug prices through reducing the launch price of new drugs; prohibiting unjustified annual increases of prices, and protecting patients from excessive out-of-pocket expenses."

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However, they conclude, the "'American Patients First' road map ignores all three."

Editorial: More Policies Requiring Transparency Of PBMs Are Necessary To Combat Drug Prices. In an editorial, the Columbus (OH) Dispatch (7/1, 399K) argues for increased transparency regarding the role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) play in drug pricing. The Dispatch says PBMs "were once hailed as an answer to provide needed cost controls through claims management for insurers and payers," but now "have been revealed as lining their pockets" in their contracts with prescription-drug manufacturers and payers. The editorial applauds the implementation of state contracts requiring transparency about pricing from "two of the nation's largest PBMs, CVS Caremark and Optum Rx," which took effect Sunday, and calls for "Medicaid administrators, legislators, office holders and would-be office holders...[to] continue demanding more transparency until we can all be assured that consumers and taxpayers are being treated fairly."

Op-Ed Criticizes Pharmacy Benefit Managers. In an op-ed in STAT (6/29, 27K), Scott Knoer, PharmD, the chief pharmacy officer of the Cleveland Clinic, argued that pharmacy benefit managers engage in "financial shenanigans" rather than helping "control costs for payers and lower out-of-pocket costs for plan members." Knoer contended that PBMs have been able to do this for so long because they "closely guard their complicated processes to avoid scrutiny, and require pharmacies to sign confidential agreements that shield them from visibility." And, since just three PBMs "control 73 percent of the market," there are often "abuses" of the system. Knoer detailed five ways in which PBMs "make their unparalleled high profits" – processing of claims, negotiation of rebates, the spread, or "difference between what a pharmacy benefit manager collects from the payer (such as Medicaid) for medications and the amount it pays the pharmacy that dispenses it," as well as by "forcing patients to use specific pharmacies," and via remuneration fees.

Op-Ed: State, Federal Laws Should Empower Pharmacists To Help Manage Drug Costs. In an op-ed in The Hill (6/29, 2.71M), Lucinda L. Maine, PhD, RPh, the Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, argued that "pharmacists are in a good position to assist" with the challenges of medication costs, "if state and federal laws would allow." She pointed out that when "patients elect not to fill a prescription or use only a few doses without finishing the course," this can increase healthcare costs. She pointed out that "the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has long advocated for legislative and regulatory changes to professional practice that would help some 200 million Americans better manage their chronic diseases so that more lives could be saved." Among the changes she suggested is "increasing public access to and coverage for pharmacists' medication management services."

HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE REFORM

Sen. Collins Says She Will Oppose Supreme Court Pick Who Shows "Hostility" To Roe V. Wade. The Washington Post (7/1, Long, 15.68M) reports Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) is a "key swing vote on President Trump's next Supreme Court pick" and she said she will not support "any judge who would overturn Roe v. Wade." Collins said Sunday on CNN's State of the Union, "I would not support a nominee who demonstrated hostility to Roe v. Wade."

The New York Times (7/1, Fandos, Cochrane, 19.33M) reports that Sen. Collins is "among the few remaining voices of centrism in the Republican Party," and "is one of two Republican senators who have supported abortion rights and, in the past, have shown themselves willing to break with their party."

The AP (7/1, Yen, Thomas) reports Sen. Collins explained that any judge with such hostility to precedent "would not be acceptable to me because that would indicate an activist agenda." The AP adds, "Republicans hold a narrow 51-49 majority in the Senate, and it's even closer because of the absence of ailing Sen. John McCain of Arizona."

CNN (7/1, Watkins, 82.6M) reports Collins "said when she met with President Donald Trump to discuss the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, she encouraged Trump 'to broaden his list beyond' his standing list

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of 25 potential choices." She said, "The President really was soliciting my views on the type of nominee that I was looking for," adding, "I emphasized that I wanted a nominee who would respect precedent, a fundamental tenet of our judicial system." Collins also said, "I want a judge who will apply the law to the facts of the case with fidelity to the Constitution" and "Roe v. Wade is a constitutional right that is well established, and no less an authority than Chief Justice Roberts said that repeatedly at his confirmation hearing."

Bloomberg News (7/1, Niquette, Condon, 4.46M) reports Collins said of the president's process, "I got the feeling that he was still deliberating and had not yet reached a decision, and that this was genuine outreach on his part." She added, "There are people on that list whom I could not support."

The Washington Examiner (7/1, Ayers, 340K) reports Sen. Collins pointed out that Justice Neil Gorsuch would likely not overturn Roe v. Wade. She explained, "I had a very long discussion with Justice Gorsuch in my office and he pointed out to me that he [is] the co-author of a whole book on precedent," adding, "So someone who devotes that much time to writing a book on precedent, I think, understands how important a principle that is in our judicial system."

Also reporting are Reuters (7/1, Dunsmuir), the Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) and Politico (7/1, Kullgren, 3.51M).

Most Americans Do Not Want To Overturn Roe V. Wade, Poll Says. Congressional Quarterly (6/29, Raman, Subscription Publication) reported according to a survey released Friday, only 29 percent of Americans support overturning Roe v. Wade. The poll was conducted before Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced he was retiring. Among Republicans, 53 percent want the case overturned, while 81 percent of Democrats and 73 percent of independents do not.

The Hill (6/29, Hellmann, 2.71M) reported, "Sixty-eight percent of women and 65 percent of men said they want the decision to remain the law of the land." The poll was from the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Hill added, "Forty-percent of adults said they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports access to abortion services, while 30 percent said a candidate who supports abortion restrictions is more likely to get their vote."

Politico (6/29, Diamond, 3.51M) reported the poll found 67 percent of Americans "oppose rolling back constitutional protections for access to abortion." The poll also showed that "67 percent of Democrats oppose the Trump administration's proposal to prohibit federal funding from going to organizations that provide abortion services, while Republicans are nearly split" with 46 percent in support and 48 in opposition.

The Washington Examiner (6/29, Leonard, 340K) also reports.

Trump Judicial Adviser Claims None Of Top Supreme Court Candidates Have A "Clear Position" On Roe V. Wade. The Washington Examiner (7/1, Williams, 340K) reports Leonard Leo, a "top Trump judicial adviser" and vice president of the Federalist Society, "none of the reportedly top individuals on the administration's shortlist of candidates to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy have a clear position on whether to overturn" the Roe v. Wade holding. Leo said, "Prospective nominees like Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Barrett, and Raymond Kethledge, and Tom Hardiman are people who have not specifically said they oppose Roe v. Wade, and their writings and their work show that they are very fair." He added, "They look at arguments from both sides all the time and they analyze them very carefully, and when they take a position, they then say these are what the other people have said about this and here's why I don't agree with them."

Advocacy Groups Plan To Spend Millions On Supreme Court Nomination Battle. NPR (7/1, Overby, 3.55M) reports both sides of the upcoming battle over President Trump's nomination to the Supreme Court are "expected to spend tens of millions of dollars." NPR adds, "the Judicial Crisis Network, which pledged $10 million to win confirmation for Justice Neil Gorsuch last year, is gearing up again" and so are "plenty of other groups," including "the Koch brothers' Americans for Prosperity, which said it's 'prepared to commit seven figures,' the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony Fund, Heritage Action and others." The article says, "Some liberal groups say this won't be like other confirmation fights, and they hope to put the future of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, at the center."

Opinion: Ending Abortion Is The Beginning, Not The End. Kimberly Ross wrote in the Washington Examiner (6/29, Ross, 340K) that "Abortion has reached a near-sacramental

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status in the Left's political religion" and "to encroach upon this holy ground is tantamount to war." Ross added, "One day, we hope to look back on abortion as we now do slavery and wonder how a nation built on freedom ever permitted and celebrated such a daily horror." She concluded, "While there may be a potential victory on the horizon, pro-lifers should not trick themselves into believing such a thing means our mission is accomplished."

Opinion: Antiabortion Groups Are "Laying Low" About Overturning Roe. Jennifer Rubin wrote in the Washington Post (6/29, 15.68M) in its "Right Turn" blog that "pro-life activists are trying to lay low" about being "on the brink of achieving their dream of a 5-4 court ready to reverse Roe v. Wade." Rubin criticized their "different tune" and says, "pro-life activists should have the power of their convictions," noting, "they have spent their lives saying they want to eradicate abortion and that the American people were with them. Now is the time to have that fight."

Opinion: People Need To Mobilize Against Trump's Supreme Court Pick. EJ Dionne Jr. writes in the Washington Post (7/1, Dionne, 15.68M) that Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) was correct when she called the replacement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy the "fight of our lives." Dionne says, "There is no choice but to mobilize." He adds, "The future of abortion rights is central to the coming battle. But so are civil rights, corporate power and our democratic capacity to correct social injustices."

Medical Advances Have Contributed To Plunging Abortion Rates. The New York Times (7/1, A1, Belluck, Hoffman, 19.33M) reports on its front page that "America even without legal abortion would be very different from America before abortion was legal." The article explains, "a full-fledged return to an era of back-alley, coat-hanger abortions seems improbable" because "a burst of scientific innovation has produced more effective, simpler and safer ways to prevent pregnancies and to stop them after conception – advances that have contributed to an abortion rate that has already plunged by half since the 1980s."

Iowa Supreme Court Rules Against 72-Hour Abortion Waiting Period. The AP (6/29, Pitt) reported the Iowa Supreme Court on Friday ruled 5-2 that a state law requiring a 72-hour waiting period for abortions is unconstitutional, saying that "autonomy and dominion over one's body go to the very heart of what it means to be free." The court determined the restriction was not "narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest of the state."

Reuters (6/29, Goldberg) reported that there is a "separate challenge pending" over another provision of the law "that outlaws abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected."

Also reporting were The Hill (6/29, Wise, 2.71M) and the Washington Examiner (6/29, King, 340K).

Opinion: Women Must Speak Up To Defend Abortion Rights. Cindi Leive, former editor in chief of Glamour and Self, wrote in the New York Times (6/30, 19.33M) that as Justice Anthony Kennedy, "whose vote has helped protect abortion rights over his 30 years on the Supreme Court, prepares to retire, we are faced with the very real prospect of a court that would overturn Roe, at a time when states across the country are already restricting abortion rights." Leive emphasized the importance of women who have had an abortion sharing their stories if they feel comfortable with doing so because "silence...allows menacing myths about abortion to thrive." Leive said the right to abortion "is under greater threat than it has been in my adult lifetime," and concluded that "just as women decades ago shared their stories en masse in an effort to change inhumane laws, it's time for those of us who feel we can share to do so once again."

New Mexico Democrats Push To Repeal State Abortion Law. The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (6/29, McKay, 215K) reported that Democratic lawmakers in New Mexico are renewing efforts to repeal a state law that makes it a crime for an abortion provider to end a women's pregnancy, except in narrow circumstances. The push comes "in part because the retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will allow President Donald Trump to nominate his successor," according to the article.

Supreme Court Ruling Raises Doubts About Illinois Abortion Law. The Chicago Tribune (7/1, Lourgos, 2.37M) reports the Supreme Court's recent decision to back anti-abortion pregnancy centers is raising doubts

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about an Illinois law that says "medical providers must inform patients about all available medical options, including abortion and contraception, even if the nurse or physician has faith-based or moral objections."

Some States Taking Action To Support ACA. The Washington Post (7/1, Goldstein, 15.68M) reports on efforts by state governments to buttress the protections of the Affordable Care Act against efforts by the federal government to "erode the ACA." The Post discusses individual mandate requirements passed in New Jersey, Vermont, and DC, as well as state efforts to erect "barriers against rules the Trump administration is writing to promote short-term health plans." The Post explains how "taken together, the moves mean the nation is starting to revert to the insurance landscape of a decade ago — a hodgepodge that created the political pressures that culminated in the sweeping 2010 law" – where each state had different insurance requirements.

House Vote To Repeal Medical Device Tax May Bolster Vulnerable GOP Lawmaker. The Hill (7/1, Sullivan, 2.71M) reports that the House is planning to vote this month on legislation that would repeal the Affordable Care Act's medical device tax, which would "satisfy industry leaders and boost the reelection prospects for the bill's sponsor," Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN), whose seat is "vulnerable." Several device makers are based in Paulsen's district. Repealing the tax is "absolutely popular in this district," according to Larry Jacobs, a political science professor at the University of Minnesota.

Sen. Durbin Says Trump Seeking Court Nominee Who Will Overturn Roe, Affordable Care Act. The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin said President Trump is seeking to nominate a justice to the Supreme Court who will overturn Roe v. Wade and the Affordable Care Act. Durbin said, "The president is looking for someone who will overturn Roe versus Wade. ... But even equally important, he's looking for someone on the court who will make sure that they rule that the Affordable Care Act's protection of those with preexisting conditions is unconstitutional."

Trump Administration Proposes Cuts To ACA Navigators. The Hill (6/29, Sullivan, 2.71M) reported the Trump Administration has proposed cutting the funding for Affordable Care Act navigators from $36 million last year to $10 million this year. The Administration cut the funding from $63 million to $36 million in 2017. While a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services "did not respond to a request for comment," but sources "say that proposal now could be walked back, and it is possible funding could remain the same as last year, but it is unclear where the final number will end up."

Health Insurers Offering ACA Plans In More States, But At Higher Premiums. The Washington Examiner (7/2, Leonard, 340K) reports that even though health insurers are planning to expand their participation under the Affordable Care Act, the "trend is coming at the expense of higher premiums for certain customers." The "entrance by insurers into Obamacare is a reversal from years of exits." The Examiner reports that Oscar Health is expanding into three new states; Centene "has filed in North Carolina and Tennessee;" and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Molina, and Medica are also adding states.

Obama Told Trump To Take Credit For ACA. The Hill (6/29, Sullivan, 2.71M) reported former President Barack Obama revealed Thursday that he told President Trump, "Just change the name and claim that you made these wonderful changes and I would be like, 'You go.'" Obama added, "Because I didn't have pride of authorship, I just wanted people to have health care."

Newsweek (6/29, Touchberry, 2.18M) reports that "Obama reiterated Thursday that he did not take up the issue of health care because he wanted to preserve his legacy or receive credit." Obama said, "The idea that I somehow took on health care just because I thought it was fun or it would somehow burnish my legacy is nuts," adding, "Because we knew going [into] 2008 that every president since Teddy Roosevelt had failed to do what every other advanced democracy in the world has done."

Insurance Premiums Set To Sharply Rise Next Year In New York. Newsday

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(NY) (7/1, Polsky, 1.52M) reports that insurance premiums in New York state are positioned to "rise sharply in January, as measures to undercut the Affordable Care Act start to take effect." The 14 insurers in the state "are asking for a weighted-average hike of 24 percent, with individual requests ranging from an actual rate cut to up to a 38.6 percent increase." Newsday adds, "The highest rate was requested by Fidelis Care, which has the highest percentage of individual enrollment in 2018, with 41 percent of enrollees with qualified health plans."

Medica To Add Two More States: Missouri, Oklahoma. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/29, Snowbeck, 1.16M) reports health insurer Medica is planning on expanding next year into individual insurance markets in Missouri and Oklahoma. The growth brings the insurer's total to eight states. The Star Tribune points out, "While many health insurers over the past two years have fled red ink in the individual market under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medica has grown from its base in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin into Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska."

University Of Mississippi Medical Center To Continue Treating Blue Cross Patients As In-Network During Mediation Process. The Jackson (MS) Clarion Ledger (6/29, Wolfe, 287K) reported the University of Mississippi Medical Center has agreed to continue treating patients with insurance from Blue Cross & Blue Shield as "in-network" while the two attempt to resolve a contract dispute. Both sides have agreed to meet with a "professional mediator."

Opinion: IRS Should Let Workers Spend Pretax Money On Healthcare. Regina Herzlinger, a Harvard Business School professor, and Joel Klein, chief policy and strategy officer at Oscar Health, writes the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) that healthcare is becoming an unsustainable expense as the Milliman Medical Index estimates that insurance for an American family of four was $28,000 this year. They propose a solution to have the Internal Revenue Service permit workers to buy health insurance using pretax dollars, like employers.

Editorial: Minnesota Helps Bring Insurance Premiums Down, But Faces Funding "Cliff." The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/30, 1.16M) editorialized that insurers in Minnesota are proposing rate decreases on the individual market by 7 to 12 percent. The editorial explained that the state legislature's "reinsurance" program "played a played a lead role in keeping rates down." The piece adds, "A different and far more daunting health care challenge looms: a towering state funding cliff that could weaken Minnesota's health-care-driven economy and undermine coverage for 982,000 Minnesotans relying on public programs."

Op-Ed: Most Physicians Unaware Of Ways They Can Reduce Healthcare Costs For Patients. Hussain Lalani, resident physician in Dallas, Texas, writes in a column for the Dallas Morning News (6/29, 1.05M) that as one of more than 30,000 new physicians beginning medical residency July 1, he is "concerned that we will contribute to the $750 billion epidemic of excessive health care spending...and risk financially hurting our patients if we do not know the cost of what we prescribe." Lalani explained, "Most patients want their doctors to talk about costs of care with them. ... Yet, most doctors don't know the specific costs of what they prescribe." He noted that often, there are "cheaper, equally effective alternatives" physicians can use to minimize healthcare costs.

HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

HHS Provides Maine Group With $200K Grant For Health Work. The AP (7/1) reports that the Department of Health and Human Services has provided a $200,000 grant to help the Aroostook County, Maine Action Program "connect more residents with health services." Sens. Angus King (I-ME) and Susan Collins (R-ME) "say the action program plays an important role in linking residents of far northern Maine to services."

July 1 Marks Change In Arizona Child Welfare Laws. The Arizona Republic (7/1, 1.21M) reports that July 1 marked a change in Arizona's child-welfare proceedings. As of that date, "except in emergency situations, child welfare workers will no longer be able to remove a

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child from her home to protect against abuse or neglect without first getting a court's permission." While critics hope the change will end what they refer to as the "warrantless seizures" of children, "the experience of other states, and the expectations of the lawmakers who championed the legislation, suggests it will have a more subtle effect on the number of child removals."

District Of Columbia Extends Deadline For Daycare Workers To Meet New Education Requirements. The Washington Post (6/29, Stein, 15.68M) reported that Washington, DC's government has extended a deadline for the city's "daycare employees to meet stricter education requirements after workers in the field argued that the new rules were unrealistic to complete." Two years ago, the city enacted some of the "most advanced education requirements for childcare workers" in the US, but faced "a backlash, with critics arguing that childcare workers are often paid minimum wage and there is little incentive for them to obtain higher degrees." On June 29, the city announced it would provide "employees an additional one to four years to complete certification or degree requirements."

The AP (6/30) reported that "lead teachers in child care centers now have until December 2023 instead of 2020 to earn an associate's degree," while "requirements for assistant teachers, home caregivers and associate home caregivers were pushed back from 2018 to 2019."

Ohio Hasn't Used $5M Designated For At-Risk Youth In 2018. The AP (7/1) reports that so far, Ohio has not spent any of the $5 million it has designated in 2018 "for services for troubled youth on the cusp of being removed from their homes or at risk of entering the justice or foster-care systems." Money from the so-called "crisis stabilization fund" was earmarked "to help pay for support groups, child care, transportation and other expenses," and "county Family and Children First councils were given the task of making local plans to administer the funds." Child welfare advocates argue that "stipulations attached to the federally funded program have caused roadblocks."

Maine Governor Vetoes Bills To Increase Reimbursement Rates For Direct Care Workers. The Portland (ME) Press Herald (6/29, Pols, 157K) reported that on the evening of June 29, Gov. Paul LePage (R-ME) vetoed two measures that would have boosted "reimbursement rates for the agencies that hire direct care workers who provide key support for adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as those who care for the elderly in nursing homes." Last week, the Legislature unanimously passed a measure affecting workers who care for "intellectually disable d adults," and supporters hope they will be able to gather "the two-thirds majority necessary to override the governor's veto when lawmakers return on July 9." The current veto, however, means pay rates reverted to 2017 levels as of July 1, and workers were set to "face an immediate 12 percent pay cut," according to Maine Association for Community Service Providers Executive Director Lydia Dawson, to a pay level of $9.17 per hour, less than the minimum wage.

FOOD & IMPORT SAFETY

Wish-Bone Recalls Salad Dressing For Possible Allergens. The Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (7/1, 252K) reports, "Pinnacle Foods Inc. is recalling 7,768 cases of Wish-Bone House Italian salad dressing distributed nationwide after learning from a customer that some bottles were mislabeled," according to the FDA. The voluntary recall pertains to "15-ounce bottles which may not list milk or egg, potential allergens, as ingredients," and impacts products with a "Best If Used By" date of Jan. 13, 2019.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/1, Krueger, 521K) reports, "According to the company, 7,768 cases of the recalled product was distributed."

NUTRITION & OBESITY

Beverage Industry Scores "Defining Victory" In Banning Soda Taxes In California. The Washington Post (6/30, Dewey, 15.68M) reported that the beverage industry "scored a defining victory" in its battle against soda taxes last week when California lawmakers voted to bar future local taxes on sugary drinks. According to the Post, "under the fast-moving ban introduced June 23 and signed into law five days later, no new food or beverage taxes can be passed in the state until 2031 at the

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earliest." The article said that the law "represents a significant, if long-anticipated, shift among the nation's soda makers, who have previously fought taxes, city by city, and expended millions of dollars in the process."

Fortune (6/29, Mukherjee, 3.91M) examined how such a measure seems unlikely in a state known for progressive policies and attributed to passing of the legislation to a "successful, no-holds-barred campaign by the beverage industry and its supporters to nix even the possibility of local soda taxes in exchange for standing down on a controversial tax-related ballot measure."

In commentary published by The Hill (7/1, 2.71M), Larry Cohen, the executive director of the nonprofit Prevention Institute, maintains that the "new law banning soda taxes in California is a setback." But when teenage health advocates from Stockton "urged lawmakers to stand with communities like theirs and put people's health over corporate profits," the "other side was conspicuously quiet" so, we "won't give up on reigning in the soda industry."

Also reporting were Kaiser Health News (6/29, Young) and U.S. News & World Report (6/29, Lardieri, 1.97M).

MEDICARE

CMS To Test Medicare Advantage Plans As APMs. Modern Healthcare (6/29, Dickson, Subscription Publication, 239K) reported the CMS "wants to launch an experiment that allows doctors in Medicare Advantage plans to qualify as participating in an alternative pay model." Clinicians in Medicare Advantage plans "have urged the CMS to consider those plans as APMs since some are offering risk-based contracts."

MEDICAID & CHIP

Sununu Signs Reauthorized Medicaid Expansion Bill. The AP (6/29) reports Republican Gov. Chris Sununu "has signed a bill to continue New Hampshire's expanded Medicaid program for another five years." The current program "uses Medicaid funds to purchase private health plans for about 50,000 low-income residents. It would have expired this year if lawmakers didn't reauthorize it." The bill "also changes its structure to a more cost-effective managed care model."

The New Hampshire Union Leader (6/29, 122K) quoted Sununu saying, "This is probably the biggest single piece of landmark legislation I have been involved with as governor." The Nashua (NH) Telegraph (6/30, 44K) reported that the law "still needs federal approval for some of the waivers it is seeking, such as for the work requirement for able-bodied, childless adults."

Maine Governor Vetoes Medicaid Expansion Funding. The Portland (ME) Press Herald (6/29, 157K) reported Maine Gov. Paul LePage "vetoed a $60 million Medicaid expansion funding bill Friday, an expected move that sets up a veto override vote by lawmakers when they return on July 9." LePage "said in a statement Friday evening that he vetoed the bill, passed by the Legislature last week, because lawmakers acted in a fiscally irresponsible manner."

The AP (7/1, Villeneuve) reported Maine "is the only state whose voters have approved expanding Medicaid to low-income residents, but expansion originally set for Monday is in limbo as a legal battle between the fiscally conservative governor and advocates continues."

Maine's Medicaid Program To Cover Chiropractic Exams. The AP (6/30) reports Maine's Medicaid program "will start covering chiropractic exams under a new law," which is expected to require "about $67,000 from Maine's general fund and $122,000 in federal funds."

Idaho GOP Committee Passes Resolution Opposing Medicaid Expansion Initiative. The Idaho Press Tribune (6/29) reported the Idaho Republican Party's resolutions committee "approved a resolution this morning opposing the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative, in one of the first resolutions to gain support during the 2018 GOP convention, reports Bryan Clark of the Idaho Falls Post Register." The resolution, "drafted and submitted by the Bonneville County Central Committee, passed on an overwhelming voice vote in the committee, though there was a small group of dissenters."

The AP (6/29, Kruesi) reported the resolution – which "still needs to win approval from delegates during Saturday's general session – warns 'the current Medicaid program is already cannibalizing

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dollars for schools and roads by growing at a faster rate than other major programs and expansion will further erode support for other critical spending needs.'"

Iowa's New Private Medicaid Company Has "Troubled Past." The Des Moines (IA) Register (7/1, Clayworth, 292K) reports that an investigation shows that "the corporation selected to help manage Iowa's controversial privatized Medicaid system has faced serious charges of mismanagement resulting in at least $23.6 million in penalties in more than a dozen states." Iowa Total Care, a subsidiary of Centene, "was awarded a state Medicaid contract in May by the Iowa Department of Human Services despite scoring nearly 14 points lower on its evaluation than when it had applied and was rejected in 2015, public records show." But with "only two companies bidding for the work, Iowa Total Care won a spot managing Iowa's annual $4.8 billion Medicaid program."

Arkansas Suspends Medicaid Payments To Missouri Nonprofit After Arrest. The AP (6/30) reports authorities in Arkansas "have suspended Medicaid payments to a Missouri nonprofit after a former executive with the agency was arrested as part of a scheme to improperly bill almost $2.3 million in claims for mental health services." Citing the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the AP reports that the suspension Friday of Medicaid payments "comes a day after Robin Raveendran, formerly executive vice president for Preferred Family Healthcare, was arrested on two counts of Medicaid fraud."

Ohio Medicaid Execs Criticized For Defending Pharmacy Middlemen. The Columbus (OH) Dispatch (7/1, 399K) reports that criticism "rained down" on Ohio Medicaid executives during a legislative hearing last week as they "reported on findings by a consultant who delved into practices of pharmacy benefit managers, which play the role of middlemen between Medicaid's managed care outfits and Ohio pharmacies."

Iowa Hospital Association Says State Has No Data To Support Medicaid Savings Claim. The Cedar Rapids (IA) Gazette (7/1, Ramm, 146K) reports the Iowa Hospital Association said Iowa Medicaid Enterprises Director Michael Randol has no data to back up his claim that the state's managed-care model is saving money. The IHA says the state is saving money "because the Medicaid insurance companies are not adequately reimbursing health care providers for their services," according to the article.

West Virginia Medicaid Waiver Expands Options For Substance Abuse Treatment. The Exponent Telegram (WV) (7/1, Snoderly) reports that the second phase of a Medicaid waiver in West Virginia has been "rolled out" which will focus "more on intensive services for individuals with substance use disorders, according to Bureau of Medical Services Commissioner Cindy Beane." The waiver allows the state to sidestep the Institutions for Mental Diseases Medicaid exclusion that "prohibits the use of federal funds for care provided to patients in mental health facilities with more than 16 beds." West Virginia was "awarded the waiver in October 2017, making it the fifth state to receive the approval."

Article Examines Why Tennessee Has Not Expanded Medicaid. The Tennessean (6/29, Allison, 513K) featured an article that examined why the state has not been among those to expand Medicaid. The piece highlighted a way to cover Tennessee's 10% share of Medicaid expansion cost, and how it could lower insurance premiums.

HEALTH & MEDICAL NEWS

Scientists Warn On Increased Mortality Risk From Prolonged Sitting. NBC Nightly News (6/29, story 12, 0:20, Holt, 6.8M) reported American Cancer Society scientists warn that sitting for at least six hours a day can "lead to a nearly 20 percent higher risk of death, compared with people who sat for just three hours." They said, "Spending all that time sitting was linked to 14 diseases."

People Fail To Properly Wash Hands While Cooking 97 Percent Of The Time, Study Finds. USA Today (6/29, Molina, 11.4M) reported, "Ahead of Fourth of July grilling, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering a reminder to wash our hands" properly.

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TIME (6/30, Ducharme, 19.27M) reported, "People fail to properly wash their hands while cooking 97% of the time, potentially opening them up to food-borne illnesses such as salmonella, norovirus and E. coli," research indicated. The findings came from a US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service study.

US Evacuates More Americans From China Following Mystery Illness Complaints. The Wall Street Journal (7/1, Chen, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that at least nine Americans have been medically evacuated from the Chinese city of Guangzhou following complaints of abnormal aural sensations similar to those experienced by US diplomats in Cuba last year. To date, only one American in China has been confirmed as having symptoms and clinical findings consistent with those experienced by U.S. diplomats in Cuba, according to the Journal. However, US embassy staff were told in June that the evacuations of the Americans were not all connected to the mysterious symptoms.

The New York Times (6/30, Myers, 19.33M) said the State Department "evacuated at least 11 Americans from China" after abnormal sounds or sensations were reported by government employees at the US Consulate in Guangzhou.

Most People Apply Too Little Sunscreen. The Wall Street Journal (6/29, McGinty, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reported that many people do not apply enough sunscreen, and dermatologists sometimes have difficulty explaining how much should be used. Sandy Walsh, a spokeswoman for the FDA, said, "The amount of sunscreen applied for each consumer will be based on their specific attributes including body size, the amount of body hair and sensitivity to the sun." The article also pointed out that a study published earlier this year in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology indicated that using sunscreens that have an SPF that is higher than 50 is beneficial.

Being Married May Reduce Risk Of Heart Disease, Cardiovascular Death, Review Suggests. The New York Times (6/29, Bakalar, 19.33M) reported that a review suggests "being married may reduce the risk of heart disease and cardiovascular death." The findings were published in the BMJ.

Researchers Developing Artificial Ovary To Help Young Cancer Patients Preserve Fertility. On its website, CNN (7/1, Scutti, 82.6M) reports a group of Danish researchers developing an artificial ovary "have engineered a 'scaffold' on which early-stage cells can develop into functional ovarian follicles," which could help younger cancer patients preserve their "fertility from the impact of cancer treatments, experts say." Researchers will present the study Monday at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

Immunotherapy "Revolution" Is "Greatest Hope Yet" For Beating Cancer. The Telegraph (UK) (7/2, Vonderheide, 976K) reports that new cancer treatments "that harness the patient's immune system mark the 'end of the beginning' of the fight against cancer." The story of immunotherapy drugs "has radically altered how we treat some of the most common and deadly cancers – and our work applying those approaches to tackle even more of them."

FDA Approves First Drug To Reduce Excessive Sweating. The AP (6/29, Johnson) reported that on June 29, the Food and Drug Administration "approved the first drug developed specifically to reduce excessive sweating," Qbrexza (glycopyrronium), manufactured by Dermira. The drug will be "inside a cloth wiped over the skin daily to block sweat glands from activating." The drug will start being available in October.

Reuters (6/29, Mishra) reported, "Currently, Allergan's (AGN.N) Botox injection is used to treat" excessive sweating, and "other treatments include antiperspirants and costlier alternatives such as laser therapy, as well as localized surgery like liposuction to remove sweat glands." Cowen analysts have estimated the drug could have "sales of $250 million to $300 million by 2023."

Newsweek (6/29, Spear, 2.18M) reported that "in one study, 53 percent of patients said Qbrexza reduced sweat production by roughly half, versus 28 percent in a comparison group using a non-medicated cloth, the drug company reported."

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Also covering the story were Forbes (6/30, Lee, 10.34M) and TIME (6/30, Ducharme, 19.27M).

CDC Warns Of Shingrix Vaccine Shortage. CBS News (6/29, 6.78M) reported on its website that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned about a shortage of the Shingrix shingles vaccine. On "CBS This Morning" on June 30, Dr. David Agus said, "It's a really potent, excellent vaccine. I got it myself. And this is a vaccine where the old vaccine worked 30, 40 percent of the time. This is 97 percent of the time." He offered advice for people attempting to find the vaccine, adding, "Call ahead to a pharmacy. Make sure they have it. You can get it at a pharmacy, your doctor's office."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/29, Schaefer, 1.07M) reported on the high demand for the Shingrix vaccine, pointing out that "a quick check of some pharmacies in the Philadelphia region found the vaccine was still available, but not at all locations." The Inquirer reported that Shingrix's maker, GlaxoSmithKline, "has recommended that people who need the second of the two-dose series of the vaccine get priority."

Police Investigate Elder Abuse Against Comic Book Creator Stan Lee, 95. The AP (6/30, Dalton) reported that, after the death last July of Joan, "his wife of 69 years and partner in all things," comic book creator Stan Lee, 95, "has found himself in the middle of a fight over his finances and legacy that has led to lawsuits, a restraining order and a police investigation of elder abuse." The article used Lee's case to make the larger point that "Lee's status as a celebrity in declining mental health and vulnerable to exploitation has many precedents and may become increasingly common as a wave of wealthy baby boomers reaches old age." A restraining order against a memorabilia collector alleged that the collector "isolated him from associates, friends and relatives, which is considered a form of elder abuse."

Mississippi Public Agencies Must Now Cover Increased Share Of Worker Pensions. The AP (6/29, Amy) reported, "Public agencies in Mississippi will have to contribute another $100 million toward worker pensions beginning July 1, 2019, after a vote by the state Public Employees Retirement System's board." Employers will now be required to provide 17.4 percent of a worker's salary, up from 15.75 percent, while workers will continue to contribute 9% of their own paychecks. The state's retirement system currently has 61 percent of the assets needed to cover future benefits. approved changes indicate that the state's retirement plan will be 100 percent funded by 2047, although that remains heavily reliant on the projected rate of investment returns.

Surveys: Financially Independent Millenials Are Happier Than Those With Money Worries. CNBC (7/1, 4.81M) reports on its website that a decade-long study by the National Endowment for Financial Education found that financially independent millenials tended to be more confident and happier overall. NEFE Chief Executive Officer Ted Beck said that the path to financial independence begins long before college, urging parents to have regular discussions with their children on financial responsibility. Similarly, a recent survey from T. Rowe Price found that "young adults who discussed money with their parents are more likely to have a budget, more likely to have an emergency fund, more likely to put 10 percent or more of their income toward savings and more likely to have a retirement account."

Retirees Increasingly Becoming Entrepreneurs, Cites AARP Study. As part of a series, "Silver Linings," on the issues of New Hampshire's aging population, the New Hampshire Union Leader (7/1, Baker, 122K) reports the rising number of retirees starting businesses as entrepreneurs. The article cites Small Business Administration data that the number of people aged 62 and older who are self-employed is "rising" nationwide. It also cites a 2015 AARP survey that "only" 10 percent of New Hampshire residents aged 50 and older plan to retire and never return to work.

Study Reveals Views On Social Media Bias. The Washington Times (6/29, Sabes, 460K) reported that a new Pew Research Center poll of about 5,000 people found that 85 percent of Republicans believe social media sites tend to bias what they show, and 72 percent of Americans believe social media sites censor political views. Younger adults tended to trust social medias sites more than older respondents,

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with 67 percent of those 18 to 29 years of age saying that the websites censor views, while 81 percent of "seniors" believe that they do.

Hospitals Across US Experiencing Shortages Of Beds For Children With Mental Health Illnesses. NBC Nightly News (6/29, story 8, 4:05, Holt, 6.8M) reported on a "growing crisis" in American hospitals: "there are simply not enough beds to accommodate kids who need to be hospitalized" for mental illnesses. According to NBC News, "the crisis is nationwide, with nearly a 40-percent increase in psychiatric visits to emergency rooms." One hospital in Kansas said it turned away 2,000 children last year alone, NBC added.

Colorado Hospital Sues Patient For Surgery Bill, Highlighting Alleged Price Gouging. The Denver Post (6/29, Osher, 755K) reported on a patient in Colorado who underwent spinal-fusion surgery at the nonprofit St. Anthony North Health Campus and was later sued by the hospital for $229,112.13 for unpaid medical bills. The article said the case highlights "a growing conflict over skyrocketing health care costs pitting employer-based, self-funded insurance plans against hospitals," and added that "a growing number of employers are refusing to pay the full amount of the hospital bills of their workers due to alleged price gouging by the hospitals." The piece continued, "As justification, they point to data that consultants have unearthed showing wide disparities in hospital billing."

Oklahoma Drafts Rules To Regulate Medical Marijuana Following Successful Legalization. The AP (6/30) reported that Oklahomans voted to legalize medical marijuana Tuesday "via State Question 788, which passed with about 57 percent support in an election with unusually high turnout." Now, the state health department is circulating draft rules to regulate medical marijuana licenses for patients, caregivers, and businesses in a move to tighten the new legislation that the AP said is "broad." The proposed rules would ban "dispensaries near schools, indoor smoking in public places and psychoactive gummy bears," and "lay out guidance for doctors interested in recommending marijuana, patients who want to use it and businesses looking to grow, process or sell it."

Many Families Still Live With Arsenic, Lead In Everett, Washington. The AP (6/30) reported that "nearly three decades" after Washington state discovered large amounts of arsenic and lead in properties surrounding a former smelter site in Everett, "about 150 homeowners are still waiting for the contamination to be cleaned up." So far, about 350 properties have been cleaned up using a $34 million settlement, but the fund only has enough to remediate 20 more properties in 2019.

Delaware Lawmakers Vote To Ban Powdered Alcohol. The AP (6/30, Chase) reported that Delaware lawmakers gave final approval to a bill "outlawing the manufacture, sale and use of powdered alcoholic beverages." Enactment of the legislation would make Delaware the 37th state to ban "powdered substances that form alcoholic drinks when reconstituted with liquid." According to the AP, "the American Medical Association has called for a nationwide ban on powdered alcohol, which critics say carries the risk of more potent drinks and harmful overconsumption."

Angelman Syndrome Receives Its Own Medical Code. The Atlantic (6/29, Yong, 3.08M) reported that Angelman syndrome has been granted its own medical code, Q93.51, under the International Classification of Diseases. The article said the medical standard allows researchers "to interrogate large databases and find out how many patients have a particular disorder, what secondary problems they experience, what treatments they typically receive, how many times they're admitted to the hospital, and more. Insurers use them to decide what treatments should be reimbursed."

California Vaccine Skeptic Put On Probation By State Medical Board. The Los Angeles Times (6/29, Karlamangla, 4.03M) reported that the Medical Board of California has ordered 35 months' probation for Dr. Bob Sears, "an Orange County pediatrician well-known for being sympathetic to parents opposed to vaccines." According to the Times, "Sears can keep practicing medicine but will be required to take 40 hours of medical education courses a

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year, as well as an ethics class, and also be monitored by a fellow doctor." In addition, he "must notify all hospital and medical facilities where he practices of the order and is not allowed to supervise physician assistants or nurse practitioners."

Opinion: Antibacterial Debate Must Weigh Risks, Benefits. Bloomberg View (6/29, 4.46M) opinion columnist Faye Flam wrote about the safety concerns surrounding the antibacterial chemical triclosan, and highlighted recent evidence which showed the chemical can have negative side effects. Flam wrote, "There's only one rational way out of this bind: to think about safety not as a black or white issue, but to consider risk-benefit ratios." Flam said "the FDA did consider both sides of the equation in 2016, when it required companies to phase triclosan out of soaps and body washes, citing safety concerns and lack of evidence for any benefit."

Woman's Facebook Post Says Menthol Shaving Cream Soothes Sunburns. TODAY (6/29, Murray, 1.19M) reported that in a Facebook post, a woman discusses her "trick to getting rid of sunburn," which is "applying menthol shaving cream on the burn, which the poster said 'takes the heat out' and soothes skin." However, "dermatologists say it's no magic solution for sunburns, although it might provide some relief."

AMA President-Elect Profiled. The AP (7/1, Severino) profiles Patrice Harris, MD, who "will become the 174th president of the AMA in June 2019, and is now serving as president-elect." Dr. Harris "was elected to the post earlier this month." The AP adds, "In her vision for the AMA, Harris said she wants to improve the education of up and coming medical professionals." The article also points out that Dr. Harris "served on the American Psychiatric Association board and was later named by the APA as a delegate to the AMA."

AARP Dedicates $60 Million To Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund. Health IT Analytics (6/29) reported the AARP's Brain Health Fund has vowed to "invest $60 million in the Dementia Discovery Fund (DDF) to accelerate the development of innovative treatments for dementia and Alzheimer's disease." The research is considered "vital for dementia treatment as the condition becomes more and more prevalent," the piece said, adding, "NIH also recently convened a group of leading experts to discuss how to best foster a collaborative research environment and use precision medicine to ultimately discover a cure for these chronic, degenerative conditions."

Ohio, Washington Officials Confirm West Nile Virus-Carrying Mosquitoes. Newsweek (6/29, Spear, 2.18M) reported Ohio and Washington health officials "are urging people to protect themselves against mosquitoes after insects in these states tested positive for the West Nile virus." Data from the Ohio Department of Health showed "mosquitoes near Alexandria, Johnstown and Harrison Township in Ohio had the virus," while Washington officials "discovered a pool of mosquitos that tested positive for the virus in Benton County." The article added that the National Institutes of Health says severe cases of West Nile virus in humans can "affect the nervous system, and trigger conditions including meningitis, and inflammation of the brain called encephalitis."

Michigan's Detroit Area Becoming A "Hotspot" For Vaccination Waivers, Study Suggests. The Detroit News (7/1, 710K) reports that according to health researchers, a growing number of "parents choosing not to vaccinate their children for non-medical reasons" has led to the rise of "'hotspots' across the country and in Metro Detroit." The piece says that since 2009, "the number of kindergarten-age children enrolling in school with non-medical waivers has climbed in 12 of 18 states that allow the exemptions, according to a peer-reviewed study published June 12 in the Public Library of Science journal PLOS Medicine." Cities including "Troy, Warren and Detroit were among the areas in Michigan where more than 400 kindergartners had received the non-medical vaccination exemptions, according to the PLOS report."

WPost: Stalling Malaria Fight Could Jeopardize Children's Lives. The Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) editorial says that while the number of malaria cases and deaths have declined steadily for a decade and a half as "global public-health officials have been at war"

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with the disease, the "battle shows signs of stalling." In 2016, "the number of malaria cases went up to 215 million, from 210 million the year before," the Post says, adding that malaria "kills more than 445,000 people annually, about 70 percent of them children under 5 years old." The Post adds that the fight against malaria will be won "by action on many fronts. A stall, after so much promise, would be terrible and costly."

Indiana Resident Contracts Rare Flu Strain After Exposure To Pigs At Fair. The Indianapolis Star (7/1, Fittes, 477K) reports health officials are warning Indiana residents "to take preventative measures this fair season, after an Indiana resident caught the influenza virus following a visit to a county fair." In what is "the first human case of the H3N2 influenza in the Indiana since 2013, and first case reported nationwide this year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," a resident has been sickened with a flu strain "commonly associated with contact with pigs, the Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Board of Animal Health said in a statement Friday."

Op-Ed: New Chemotherapy Study Underscores Importance Of Non-Inferiority Trials. Contributor Dr. Conor Lavelle wrote for Quartz (6/29, 788K) that a study published in New England Journal of Medicine assessing the effectiveness of "chemotherapy for a specific, common variant of breast cancer...found that thousands of women may not actually need to undergo the intensive, painful treatment." Dr. Lavelle considers this "another important victory for something called a 'non-inferiority trial,'" which "is arguably our most powerful weapon in the war against unnecessary or harmful pharmaceuticals – and it starts with putting people first."

Loved One's Cancer Diagnosis Can Spur Others To Seek Preventive Care. U.S. News & World Report (6/29, Howley, 1.97M) examined the impact of watching a loved one endure cancer treatment, noting it "can have a hyper-focusing effect for many people." The article spotlighted the case of one woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer and whose daughter after determining that the family had a history of "known breast-cancer causing mutation" on their BRCA2 genes. The ordeal caused the daughter to undergo genetic testing, finding that she "tested positive for the same mutation as her mother" and prompting her to undergo a double mastectomy. The piece noted that the National Cancer Institute reports "about 69 percent of women who inherit a harmful BRCA2 mutation will develop breast cancer by the age of 80."

Congress Passes Firefighter Cancer Registry Act. The Springfield (MA) Republican (6/29, Flynn, 412K) reported Congress has passed the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, which "allows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the Secretary of Health and Human Services to create a voluntary and inclusive national registry that would allow scientists and others to track job-related cancer incidence for both career and volunteer firefighters." The legislation also "authorizes $2.5 million for each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022 to carry out this broader collection of data to help improve measures to protect firefighters." The piece added that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in 2010 "began a five-year study of nearly 30,000 firefighters" which found they "have a greater number of cancer diagnoses and cancer-related deaths," which helped spur the creation of the legislation.

Amazon's Latest Deal Shows It Plans To Disrupt How Industry Cares For Chronically Ill. STAT Plus (6/29, Ross, Subscription Publication, 27K) reported that Amazon's acquisition of the home delivery pharmacy PillPack makes clear the company's ambitions to "not only fundamentally change treatment of U.S. patients, it wants a large chunk of the $370 billion market for selling and distributing their prescription drugs." The PillPack deal "gives Amazon the infrastructure to become a national seller of prescription drugs," noting that "PillPack is already an in-network pharmacy for all the largest pharmacy benefit managers." STAT Plus adds, "To turn the corner in the pharmacy business – and lower costs within its own ranks – Amazon will need to figure out how to improve services for the chronically ill population."

US Judge Rules AbbVie, AndroGel Partner Owe $448 Million In Antitrust Case. Reuters (6/29, Raymond) reported that on June 29, US District Judge Harvey Bartle in

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Philadelphia ruled "that pharmaceutical company AbbVie Inc. used sham litigation to illegally prevent generic versions of testosterone replacement drug AndroGel from getting to market and ordered the drugmaker and its partner to pay $448 million." The ruling was for an antitrust suit filed in 2014 by the FTC against both AbbVie and partner Besins Healthcare. The FTC had alleged AbbVie and Besins filed "baseless patent infringement lawsuits in 2011 against generic drugmakers Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd and Perrigo Company to delay the launch of their generic versions of AndroGel."

Amazon's PillPack Deal May Provide It With Access To Sensitive Health Data. The Wall Street Journal (7/1, Stevens, Terlep, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) reports that Amazon's acquisition of PillPack will provide it with information about people's prescriptions, a move into the health and medical records space which the Journal describes as much more detailed than Amazon's previous efforts to track customers' purchases of things such as movies or toiletries. The Journal reports that an Amazon spokeswoman said the company plans to comply with regulations, including HIPAA.

WSJournal: Amazon's PillPack Deal Will Benefit Consumers, Force Competitors To Improve. The Wall Street Journal (6/29, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorialized that Amazon's acquisition of online pharmacy PillPack will enable the company to grow rapidly to compete with drugstore industry giants. The combination will help patients get drugs faster and cheaper and will force competitors to improve service, the Journal adds. The article concludes Amazon's decision to enter the drug delivery industry is welcome, and could benefit consumers in the long run.

Similarly, a Forbes (6/29, 10.34M) column written by Christopher Walton suggested that Amazon's entry into the industry will likely have an impact on CVS and Walgreens.

Meanwhile, for Bloomberg View (6/29, 4.46M), Faye Flam wrote, "If Amazon's move to disrupt health care is going to make Americans any healthier, the improvement is most likely to take place in the business of getting prescription drugs to patients more reliably."

More Suits Filed Against Florida Drugmaker Accused Of Selling Contaminated Medicines. The South Florida Sun Sentinel (6/29, Hurtibise, 601K) reported that more suits have been filed against South Florida drugmaker PharmaTech LLC and its principals and distributors. The company is now facing seven suits "on behalf of patients said to have been sickened or killed, including three infants who reportedly died after being given a liquid stool softener made by the company." The company vacated its Davie, FL plant in June 2017 following FDA inspection reports in August 2016 and May 2017 that "identified numerous quality control deficiencies in its manufacturing processes," the Sentinel reported. The latest suit, filed in June in Broward County Circuit Court, identified the victim of an outbreak of water-borne bacteria "as Londyn Simone Manuel, who was born with a congenital heart defect in December 2016, and died before turning 8 months old after being given liquid docusate" made by the company.

District Court Extends Indivior's Order Blocking Launch Of US Generic Addiction Treatment. Reuters (6/29, Varghese) reported that on June 29, the US Court for the District of New Jersey "extended a restraining order blocking" Mylan NV and Dr. Reddy's from launching a generic version of Indivior's Suboxone (buprenorphine and naloxone) Film, an opioid addiction treatment that generates around 80% of Indivior's revenue. "Indivior said its temporary restraining order (TRO) issued on June 15 had been extended for another 14 days, during which time the U.S. court for the District of New Jersey will consider the application and issue a ruling on the injunction."

FDA Cites Mylan For Morgantown Plant Manufacturing Issues. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/29, Sabatini, 507K) reported that on June 28, Mylan announced the FDA cited it in April for manufacturing issues at its Morgantown, WV plant. Among the issues an FDA inspection report cited were "numerous instances of a lack of appropriate oversight by the quality unit," along with problems related to "cleaning procedures used to prevent cross-contamination of drug ingredients." In a statement, Mylan said, "The company has submitted a comprehensive

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response to the agency and committed to a robust improvement plan."

Report: Nearly All Online Pharmacies Illegal. Newsweek (7/1, Hugo, 2.18M) reports that "if you buy drugs from an online pharmacy, there's a good chance that exchange is illegal – or worse." In a report on darknet opioid sales, the Center for Safe Internet Pharmacies "found that people on both the darknet and surface web sell drugs like opioid painkillers through online 'pharmacies,' 97 percent of which operate illegally, according to the FDA." Many of these online "pharmacies" are actually "drug-dealing websites set up to look like they simply sell prescription pills to those in need, and some claim to offer prescriptions." CSIP Executive Director Marjorie Clifton "said that some non-opioid-selling pharmacies are legal, if they follow certain rules," such as having "brick-and-mortar locations," as well as being "licensed in every state that they sell to."

Missouri Appeals Court Rejects $55 Million Verdict Against Johnson & Johnson In Talc Powder Suit. Reuters (6/29, Bellon) reported that on June 29, a Missouri appeals court "threw out a $55 million verdict against Johnson & Johnson in a lawsuit by a woman who claimed she developed ovarian cancer after using talc-based products, including J&J's baby powder." The appeals court's decision to dismiss the 2016 verdict cited "a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision that limits where companies can be sued for personal injuries" and that found that "state courts cannot hear claims against companies that are not based in the state or when the alleged injuries did not occur there." In a statement, J&J "said it was extremely pleased with the court's decision to recognize that the trial should have never occurred."

FDA Approves Pulmonx's Valve For Emphysema. Reuters (6/29, Mitra) reported that on June 29, the Food and Drug Administration "approved Pulmonx Inc.'s valve to treat" emphysema. The valve works by being "permanently implanted using a catheter in the affected part of a patient's lung," then regulating "the airflow to the healthier parts" of the lung. The average patient "may need four valves and depending upon the severity of emphysema, the cost of treatment could go up to $10,000 per patient."

Mass Device (6/29, Perriello) reported that the FDA "granted pre-market approval under its breakthrough devices designation," based upon "a 190-patient study comparing treatment with Zephyr, plus standard medical management and pulmonary rehabilitation, to treatment with standard medical management and rehab only." The trial benchmark "was at least a 15% improvement in pulmonary function score," and around "47.7% of patients in the Zephyr arm met that mark, compared with 16.8% of the control arm, according to the FDA."

NYC Expands Lead Testing Program For Children. The New York Times (7/1, A18, Ferré-Sadurní, 19.33M) reported that in New York City, "the exact number of children residing in public housing poisoned by lead was never disclosed." This past weekend, however, "the city department of health offered a number," saying that "820 children younger than 6 were found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood between 2012 and 2016."

AM New York (7/1, Cook, Trangle, 591K) reports on its website that on July 1, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio's Administration announced an expansion to a program to test lead levels in children. The city now will start "environmental investigations for all children younger than 18 who test above a blood lead level (BLL) of 5 micrograms per deciliter," an adjustment from the previous level of "10 micrograms per deciliter." The city health department has already started "investigations for children at NYCHA developments and will implement the new rules for the rest of the city by the end of the year, according to the mayor's office." The news follows the "day after a Daily News report that revealed the city knew of more than 800 children living in NYCHA apartments between 2012 and 2016 who had blood lead levels between 5 and 9 micrograms per deciliter."

The New York Post (7/1, Hicks, 4.46M) reports, "As many as 820 children in the city's housing projects tested for elevated levels of lead, but health officials failed to follow up and inspect their apartments, City Hall admitted Saturday." Despite the CDC in 2012 implementing a recommendation "that authorities take action if children test positive for having more than 5 micrograms of the compound in their blood," New

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York City "health officials continued to use the CDC's old 10-microgram standard, meaning these 820 positive tests would not have been forwarded by city health officials to the New York City Housing Authority and would not have triggered a home inspection – potentially allowing the exposure to continue."

Learning To Play Piano May Help Children Build Up Language Skills, Study Indicates. TIME (7/1, Ducharme, 19.27M) reported research indicates learning to play the piano may help children "build up their language skills." As youngsters' "ears become trained to distinguish between different pitches and tones at the piano...they also seem to get better at parsing subtle differences between spoken words, a key element of language acquisition," the study revealed. The findings were published online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Tech Company CEO: Children Need To Be Guided Through Technology Thoughtfully. In an opinion piece in USA Today (6/30, Ingram-Cauchi, Contributor, 11.4M), Pete Ingram-Cauchi, "CEO of iD Tech Camps, a STEM education company based in" California, wrote that even though "technology has its downsides...it holds untold promise and it is not going away." Children "just need to be guided through it thoughtfully and led to a place of creativity and passion."

Factors Behind Lagging Mainstream Adoption Of Telemedicine Examined. CNBC (6/30, Farr, 4.81M) examined factors behind lagging mainstream adoption of telemedicine. The primary and "most important" factor "is that many U.S. consumers are still not aware they have the option to chat with their doctor over the phone or via video." In addition, patients who have "heard of telemedicine apps often fear the expense, especially if it's unclear whether they can use their health insurance." What's more, clinicians "who are willing to work with app makers are inexperienced, or low-quality." Many clinicians "are afraid of liability, as it's possible to miss something during a remote visit," and "reimbursement questions" remain .

Drivers For Car Services, Ride-Hailing Apps In New York Now Able To Get Coverage For Vision Care. The AP (6/29, Matthews) reported that starting July 1 in New York, "drivers for car services and ride-hailing apps like Uber and Lyft" will "now be able to get coverage for vision care as well as phone or video appointments with doctors, industry representatives announced." This "coverage for an estimated 43,000 drivers statewide will be paid for by the Black Car Fund, a workers' compensation fund for car-service drivers that is funded by a 2.5 percent surcharge on each ride."

Scientists' Discovery Is "First Step" To Packaging Insulin In Pill. The Boston Globe (7/2, 945K) reports that two developments – "a newly released study and the publication of new clinical trial data" – describe "advances toward an alternative approach" to diabetes management: "the delivery of blood-sugar-regulating hormones in a pill, long regarded as the 'holy grail' of diabetes treatment." The study, "by University of California Santa Barbara and Harvard University scientists, demonstrated a technical breakthrough in the oral delivery of insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas that allows the body to absorb and store sugar from the blood." This discovery "is the first step in a longer process to package insulin in a pill that could take many years." Enclosing insulin "in a particular ionic liquid, aptly named CAGE, has the dual benefit of protecting the hormone from stomach acid and promoting its absorption through layers of mucous and the intestinal wall. That could help it reach the liver." One promising note, "experts say, is that the two ingredients of CAGE, choline and geranic acid, are generally regarded as safe by the Food and Drug Administration."

Roche Encouraged By Tecentriq Trial Results. Reuters (7/2) reports Swiss drugmaker Roche "said on Monday that a trial showed its immunotherapy Tecentriq plus the chemotherapy Abraxane significantly reduced the risk of disease worsening or death in people with metastatic triple negative breast cancer." The company, "citing its IMpassion130 study, said it also recorded an encouraging overall survival benefit for the PD-L1 positive population, whose tumors express a protein that help them evade immune system detection, at interim analysis."

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Angela Garbes' New Book "Like A Mother" Discussed. ABC's Good Morning America (7/2, Kindelan, 4.2M) discusses mother of two and author Angela Garbes' new book, "Like a Mother: A Feminist Journey Through the Science and Culture of Pregnancy," which GMA says "gives women straight talk on pregnancy, their bodies and life after giving birth." One topic the book covers is "lack of post-delivery care for new moms." Garbes' interest in post-delivery care for moms "stemmed from hip pain she suffered after giving birth." The piece adds that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists "recently launched an initiative to address the issue of postpartum care for new moms called 'the fourth trimester.'"

Hawaii Bans Sale Of Sunscreens Containing Oxybenzone, Octinoxate. NPR (7/2, Fulton, 3.55M) reports Hawaii's governor David Ige is expected "to sign the world's first ban on the sale of sunscreens containing the chemicals oxybenzone and octinoxate this week." The state is "banning the products because of concerns they may be harming one of the state's biggest attractions – coral reefs." Both chemicals "have had the Food and Drug Administration's OK for decades, but in recent years, some environmental research has suggested octinoxate can contribute to coral bleaching and that oxybenzone exposure leads to the death of baby coral."

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Britain's NHS To Reduce "Unnecessary Or Risky Procedures." The AP (6/30) reported that Britain's NHS has proposed cutting back on operations including breast reductions and anti-snoring treatments as part of plans to save money and reduce "unnecessary or risky procedures." NHS medical director Stephen Powis said the agency "could save an estimated 200 million pounds ($264 million) a year by tightening the criteria for treatments where the risks could outweigh the benefits." According to the AP, "the list of 17 treatments under consideration to be halted or reduced includes tonsil removals and procedures for carpal tunnel, hemorrhoids and varicose veins."

UK's NHS Making Plans To Ensure Ample Medical Supplies After Brexit. The AP (7/1) reports that Britain's National Health Service "is making plans to ensure that medical supplies will be available if Britain leaves the European Union without a trade deal." NHS chief Simon Stevens said Sunday there is "significant planning" underway to make sure the NHS "can cope with a no-deal Brexit without a disruption in services." Stevens explained that Britain's health agency and other governmental departments are working to make sure supplies of medicine and medical equipment can still be accessed under various Brexit scenarios, according to the AP.

Reuters (7/1) reports that Stevens said the NHS is "working with pharmaceutical companies to make sure there will be no breakdown in supply if there is no deal with the EU."

Irish Cancer Patients Received Faulty Tests From US-Based Labs. The CBS Evening News (6/29, story 7, 2:45, Glor, 5.29M) reported American laboratories Quest Diagnostics and Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) "are coming under scrutiny because of faulty cancer tests in Ireland," where hundreds of women "were told they tested negative, only to find out years later they had cancer all along." Correspondent Roxana Saberi reported that Quest and CPL along with "an Irish lab processed smear tests for Ireland's health service. A government review four years ago found that the labs mistakenly cleared more than 200 women...who were later diagnosed with cervical cancer." Since that time, "18 of those women have died. But most of the women affected were never told until one of them...discovered a page from that review in her medical file."

Global Fund Combating AIDS, TB, Malaria Cancels Funding For North Korean Public Health Efforts. Science Magazine (6/29, Stone, 441K) reported The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria announced that effective June 30, it will revoke its grants to North Korea, a revelation which "leaves the isolated nation with about 1 year to line up a new source of medicines and diagnostics to combat a deepening [tuberculosis] crisis." Medical researchers say they have "not gotten any clarity on why they are doing this," adding that the fund's financial contributions of more than $100 million to TB and malaria control

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in the country "has been the biggest outside investment ever in public health in North Korea."

Novartis, Gilead CAR-T Therapies Both Gain European Panel Recommendation. Reuters (6/29, Miller) reported that rival cancel therapies from Gilead Sciences and Novartis both won recommendations from the European Medicines Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use. The committee recommended both Gilead's Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel) and Novartis' Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel) for diffuse large B cell lymphoma, while it also recommended Yescarta for primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma and Kymriah for B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Both of the CAR-T therapies are single-use treatments "in which immune cells are removed from patients, genetically engineered in the laboratory using disarmed virus to target their blood cancers, and then re-infused." Both drugs range in price in the US from between $373,000 and $475,000, depending on the cancer being treated.

Fierce Pharma (6/29, Sagonowsky) reported that both treatments received US approval several months ago. One reason for the high cost of the drugs "is their unique, patient-specific manufacturing," as "CAR-T drugs are made of re-engineered T cells collected from each patient, which are then infused back into the patient to attack cancer." Gilead recently said it will build "a CAR-T manufacturing plant at the Amsterdam airport in an effort to cut down on logistics and manufacturing turnaround time."

AstraZeneca Receives "Speedy Approvals" For Cancer Drugs In Japan. Reuters (7/2) reports AstraZeneca has won "rapid regulatory approval for new uses of two of its important cancer drugs in Japan, less than six months after the first global approvals in Western markets." The decisions by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare "reflect an increased urgency by officials in the country to access modern medicines, after many years of slow adoption."

Ghana Reports H5 Bird Flu Outbreaks. Reuters (6/29, Trompiz) reported that Ghana announced two outbreaks of "highly pathogenic H5 bird flu" on farms in the country. According to Reuters, "one of the outbreaks killed 5,431 birds out of an 11,000-strong flock on a farm in Boankra in the Ashanti region, while the other killed 5,935 out of 13,188 birds on a farm in Nkawkaw in the Eastern region."

Researchers Warn That Gay Hate Climate In Indonesia Is Fueling HIV Epidemic. The AP (7/2, Wright) reports on an "out-of-control but little-acknowledged epidemic of HIV among gay men in Indonesia that researchers say is being fueled by a gay hate climate whipped up by the country's conservative political and religious leaders." A Human Rights Watch report released Monday explained that "highly publicized police raids targeting gay men and a vicious outpouring of anti-LGBT rhetoric from officials and other influential figures since early 2016 have caused significant disruption to HIV awareness and testing programs."

TIME (7/2, Haynes, 19.27M) reports Kyle Knight, an LGBT rights researcher at Human Rights Watch and author of the report, said, "What's shifted in the last two years is that the government and police have made it abundantly clear that it's perfectly okay to hate LGBT people and to act on it." He cautioned, "Unless certain steps are taken to dial back on these raids, to create safe spaces for those to gather to gain information, to get safety, sense of dignity, community and privacy, this will spin out of control not just from a human rights perspective, but also from a public health perspective." TIME adds, "Combined with the crackdown and heightened discrimination against LGBT people, the impending health crisis threatens to force the community into total retreat."

India Celebrates End Of Nipah Virus Outbreak With Music Video. NPR (7/1, Thiagarajan, 3.55M) reports India's Nipah virus outbreak "in May had all ingredients of an-edge-of-the-seat medical thriller" as the nation battled "one of the most lethal pathogens of our times." The article says, "Three weeks after Nipah had been identified as a cause of the outbreak, on June 10, Kerala's Minister for Health, K.K. Shylaja, declared that the state was Nipah-free. Of the 19 cases, two patients have recovered." After the outbreak was declared over, "a group of musicians and filmmakers decided to make a video to celebrate."

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WTO Upholds Australia's Plain-Packaging Law. Fortune (6/29, Meyer, 3.91M) reported in continuing coverage that the WTO last week ruled in favor of Australia's plain-packaging laws and said the country "is free to continue selling cigarettes in drab, olive-colored packaging without no branding beyond the manufacturer's name in small print, and with large and graphic health warnings dominating the packaging." The article said the WTO's decision "will likely have major ramifications around the world."

Bloomberg View (7/1, 4.46M) columnist David Fickling says "the world's ugliest cigarette packets aren't going away." Fickling says claims that Australian plain packaging does not make much of a difference do not "stand up to a lot of scrutiny: Studies supporting that claim have either been based on non-public data that can't be checked, or commissioned by the industry, or both, according to a 2016 analysis by Australia's Department of Health."

Russians Protest Pension Age Hike. Reuters (7/1) reports that although "thousands of Russians protested on Sunday over a government decision to increase the retirement age...there were no demonstrations in the cities hosting the World Cup because of security restrictions in force during the tournament." Published photos of the protest featured individuals with signs saying "Raise the pension, not the pension age!" and "Hands off our pensions!" A "close ally of President Vladimir Putin" last month stated "that the government wanted to raise the retirement age for men by five years, to 65 from 60, and for women by eight years, to 63 from 55," which supposedly is "to ease intense pressure on state coffers," per Reuters, while "critics say the retirement age in many regions is higher than life expectancy." Some polls reported Putin's approval rating dropped from 75 to 69 percent following the announcement.

Son Debates Assisted Dying Amid Mother's Alzheimer's Diagnosis. Bernard Lyall writes in The Guardian (UK) (7/1, 4.03M) about his mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, saying that "she who has lived entirely by her wits has now lost them" to a word carrying "the ring of finality." Lyall says despite several emotional "blows," his mother retained "her instinct to put on a brave face, try to ignore it and muddle through regardless," which "was the way her generation coped," but has proved "disastrous" for her carers, because "whenever we hoped she'd understand some new limitation, or accept a new level of care, we had to choose between complicity in a face-saving but ultimately pointless pretence and provoking unreasoning anger." While "Kath had argued for the right to die, has a living will, and would have been horrified to see herself like this," now Lyall says that as "the power to let her go has fallen to me, it's not so simple." Lyall wonders whether someone's "younger self" should "be allowed to make such decisions about the person they are now."

NATIONAL NEWS

Trump Predicts Quick Supreme Court Confirmation "If I Pick The Right Person." During an interview Sunday with Fox News' Sunday Morning Futures (7/1, Bartiromo, 1.79M), the President vowed he would "pick somebody who is outstanding" to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. He also predicted that while Democrats would work to resist his choice, "I think it will go quickly if I pick the right person." The Washington Examiner (7/1, Chaitin, 340K) reports the President also predicted a "big week" ahead, declaring in a tweet Sunday he will be focused on deciding who he will nominate to succeed Kennedy.

Media reports, however, cast the President as ready for a fight with Democrats over his pick. On ABC World News Tonight (7/1, story 4, 2:50, Llamas, 14.63M), for example, Tara Palmeri said Trump is "preparing for battle tonight over his highly anticipated Supreme Court pick." Trump: "It's probably going to be vicious because the other side, all they can do obstruct and resist. You know, their whole thing is resist." NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 6, 2:00, Jackson, 8.26M) reported, "A vicious but fast fight. That's what President Trump says he expects once he announces the second Supreme Court nominee of his Administration" next week under "his self-imposed deadline." Kelly O'Donnell said the President, who is "on the trail this week, is already touting the influence of his high court selection to rally his own base."

The CBS Weekend News (7/1, story 4, 2:40, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that while Trump "voiced confidence that his yet-to-be-announced Supreme Court nominee will be confirmed soon," his choice

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"needs the backing of nearly all Senate Republicans." According to the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Armour, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.13M), White House officials are also meeting with Democrats, including the three who voted last year for Justice Neil Gorsuch: Sens. Joe Manchin, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Donnelly.

USA Today (7/1, Estepa, 11.4M) reports that while Trump said he is "going to pick someone who is outstanding," the "eventual nominee already faces a hurdle: Republicans hold a slim 51-49 majority in the Senate, and Sen. John McCain is out as he battles brain cancer. That means the president needs to cater to senators on both sides of the aisle if he hopes to get a majority to vote in favor of his pick."

Reports also continue to cast the issue of abortion as likely to be a focal point of the eventual nominee's confirmation hearings. Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) says Trump "hinted at the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade" during his interview with Fox News, saying the legality of abortion "could very well end up with states at some point." Asked if abortion rights should be decided by the states, Trump said, "Well, maybe someday it will be to the states. You never know how that's going to turn out. That's a very complex question. The Roe v. Wade is probably the one that people are talking about in terms of having an effect. But we will see what happens. But it could very well end up with states at some point."

TIME (7/1, Langone, 19.27M) reports that in the interview with Fox News, "Trump acknowledged that the status of Roe v. Wade is one of the key issues in the public's mind," but Newsweek (7/1, Fearnow, 2.18M) says he "hesitantly added, however, that he's not going to be 'so specific with the questions' used to query" candidates. Yahoo! News (7/1, Walsh, 12.44M) reports Trump, however, told Fox News, "They're all saying, 'Don't do that. You don't do that. You shouldn't do that.' But I'm putting conservative people on and I'm very proud of Neil Gorsuch. He's been outstanding. His opinions are you know so well written, so brilliant. And I'm going to try and do something like that but I don't think I'm going to be so specific in the questions I'll be asking. And I'm actually told I shouldn't be."

NJ News (7/1, Salant, 1.17M), however, notes that Trump "has pledged to nominate justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade," and "said he would choose from a list of people vetted by the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group that opposes abortion. So he already knows how anyone on the list will vote on abortion, meaning he doesn't have to ask their views on the issue."

The Washington Free Beacon (7/1, Kugle, 67K) notes that "all four names Leo mentioned are on Trump's list of potential Supreme Court justices," but when asked if they are the front runners, Leo said, "No, I don't think it's fair to say that, and here's why. The president is really in the driver's seat along with the assistance of White House counsel Don McGahn. Those are people who are under very serious consideration."

Sen. Richard Blumenthal said on CBS' Face the Nation (7/1, Brennan, 3.28M), "The President has said that he will appoint someone only if he or she would 'automatically overturn Roe v. Wade.'" He added, "This decision will shape the Court for years to come and it could lead to criminalizing reproductive rights, as they were prior to Roe v. Wade when women were prosecuted and women died."

The AP (6/30, Harrisburg (PA), Patriot-News), meanwhile, reports that "some evangelical leaders are downplaying their fortune on an issue that has defined their movement for decades." Jerry Falwell Jr. told the AP, "What people don't understand is that if you overturn Roe v. Wade, all that does is give the states the right to decide whether abortion is legal or illegal. My guess is that there'd probably be less than 20 states that would make abortion illegal if given that right."

Sources: White House Officials Eyeing Exits Likely To Stay Through Confirmation. ABC News (7/1, Palmeri, 1.85M) reports on its website that "top White House officials worn out from the chaos of the Trump administration and eyeing the exits in the coming weeks are now considering staying on through the confirmation of a Supreme Court justice, three White House officials and two outside advisors" say. White House Counsel Don McGahn, Legislative Affairs Director Marc Short and Domestic Policy Director Andrew Bremberg "have told colleagues in the days following Supreme Court Justice Kennedy's retirement announcement that they plan to stay on staff through the confirmation process."

Cantwell: Wrong Vote On Nominee Could Be "Career-Ending Move." The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) "warned her colleagues Sunday that a wrong decision" on President Trump's nominee could become a "career-ending move." Cantwell told NBC's Meet the Press, "I think that

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my colleagues on both sides of the aisle know that this vote could be one of the key votes of their entire career. And they know that no matter what spin comes out of the White House, if they vote for somebody who's going to change precedent, it could be a career-ending move." The Hill (7/1, Birnbaum, 2.71M) also reports Cantwell's comments.

A Washington Times (7/1, McLaughlin, 460K) analysis, meanwhile, says "red-state Democrats seeking re-election this fall were already facing the difficult task of navigating between their own virulently anti-Trump national party and the Republican-leaning voters needed to win back home. But that narrow path has become even more of a tightrope now that incumbents will be asked to take sides" on the President's nomination. The Times says if Republicans "hold firm, the Senate is likely to vote on a Supreme Court nominee just as the midterm campaign season hits full stride." But it "also means vulnerable Democrats in states such as West Virginia and North Dakota will have to choose between a president who easily won their states in 2016 and a frenzied liberal base intent on blocking anyone he chooses."

Seung Min Kim of the Washington Post said on CNN Inside Politics (7/1, 733K), "For Senate Democrats, this is their one chance to really get their base to care about the Court. What we've seen last several years, perhaps the last decade is that conservatives are better at the court issue than Democrats in terms of just getting the base involved, getting their base excited," but "now with potentially the future of Roe v. Wade on the line, Democrats, this is their chance to really get their voters excited and that's why you're seeing the Democratic messaging on the Supreme Court already focusing on not only abortion, but future of the Affordable Care Act."

Michael Shear of the New York Times said on CNN Inside Politics (7/1, 733K), "I think one of the things you're going to see is that the Democrats are going to try to make the case that to their base" that abortion and the Affordable Care Act are "something that you have to be united on...because what the Democrats need is to hold their entire – all 49 and then they only have to peel off one Republican."

Toomey: Special Counsel Investigation Should Not Prevent Trump Nomination. Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), asked on CBS' Face the Nation (7/1, Brennan, 3.28M) about the question of the Special Counsel investigation and the probability of the justice Trump appoints ruling in the case, said, "I think that is a ridiculous argument that is made as just an attempt to make way for the real position, which is that President Trump should never be able to confirm a vacancy." He added, "I don't remember hearing the Democrats making that argument when President Bill Clinton was in fact personally under investigation when a vacancy occurred. My understanding is that President Trump is not himself personally the subject of the investigation even. I think that is a non-argument."

Trump Retweets Elder Joke About Reporter Fired Over False MAGA Hat Claim.

The New York Post (7/1, Perez, 4.46M) reports that President Trump on Sunday retweeted "a tweet by conservative radio host Larry Elder...which poked fun at a newspaper reporter who lost his job after he falsely claimed that the Capital Gazette shooter wore a 'Make America Great Again' hat during the massacre." Elder sent the tweet, which read, "BEWARE! #TrumpDerangementSyndrome can be career ending," in response "to an article published by The Hill, which covered the resignation of Conor Berry, a former reporter at The Republican in Springfield, Mass."

Hemingway: Press Sought To Tie Trump To Maryland Newspaper Shooting. Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist said on Fox News MediaBuzz (7/1, 1.61M), "It's very difficult when something like this happens. You are desperate for information and speculation runs rampant. I think it's important for journalists to make sure they are not speculating without evidence. It wasn't just bad that people started trying to tie President Trump to the shooting. It was that after the news came out showing that the shooter had a longstanding grudge against the publication dating back to 2011, many journalists kept saying that they thought this was somehow the responsibility of President Trump."

Waters: People Want Democrats To Be "More Confrontational" Against Trump.

Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) reports that Rep. Maxine Waters told MSNBC AM Joy Sunday that weekend protests over the President's immigration policies show that "the people" want Democrats to be "more forceful" and "more confrontational" in their opposition. Waters said,

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"Well, let me just tell you this, first of all, the people of this country, no matter Republican or Democrat, do not like the idea that children have been separated. Republicans are making a mistake thinking they can hold on to that constituency, that so-called belongs to Donald Trump. On this issue, Republicans and Democrats, Independents alike are opposed to what is going on. And yes, people do want to see us being stronger and more forceful and to confront them on these policies."

Fox News (7/1, Chamberlain, 16.38M) reports on its website that Waters said she was "surprised" by criticism from Democratic leaders over her call for people to "push back" against members of the Administration. Waters said, "One of the things I recognize, being an elected official, is in the final analysis, leadership ... will do anything that they think is necessary to protect their leadership and so what I have to do is not focus on them." Waters added, "I was blessed with courage. And I was blessed with the kind of strength that does not allow me to be intimidated by the likes of Donald Trump. ... Let him call me whatever he wants to call me. Let him say whatever he wants to say. He will not stop me." The Hill (7/1, Wise, 2.71M) also reports on Waters' comments.

Todd: Trump Is "Winning," Democrats Are "Reeling." Breitbart (7/1, Key, 1.28M) reports that Chuck Todd, host of NBC's Meet the Press, said Sunday that President Trump is "winning" and Democrats are "reeling." Todd said, "The announced retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy this week helped make one political reality clear: Despite his overall unpopularity, President Trump is winning, and the Democrats right now are reeling. ... How about the Republican Party? The president's approval rating among Republicans is around 90 percent. Elected Republicans fear criticizing him, and the party has become a cult of personality: his." Todd continued, "Still, much of Mr. Trump's success is superficial. While he's more popular among Republicans, the party overall is shrinking. His trade war, North Korea, or the Mueller investigation all could turn against him and, frankly, turn against him now like North Korea has. But if the Democrats' reaction to the Kennedy retirement proved anything, it's that the Democratic Party has not figured out how to succeed in the Trump era."

Ocasio-Cortez: Democratic Socialism Just "Part Of What I Am." The Washington Times (7/1, Richardson, 460K) reports that in an interview with NBC's Meet the Press Sunday, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who defeated Rep. Joe Crowley in last week's primary in NY14, "downplayed...her affiliation with democratic socialism," saying, "It's part of what I am. It's not all of what I am. And I think that that's a very important distinction. ... I'm an educator, I'm an organizer. ... And I believe that what we're really seeing is just a movement for health care housing and education in the United States." Ocasio-Cortez added, "Democrats are a big tent party. ... I'm not trying to impose an ideology on all several hundred members of Congress, but I do think that once again it's not selling an -ism or an ideology or a label or a color. It's about selling our values."

The New York Post (7/1, Moore, 4.46M) reports that Ocasio-Cortez "faulted Crowley, a 10-term incumbent, for not being more closely connected to the community," saying, "I do think there was certainly a lack of presence, and that was a big part of my win. ... There was a lack of listening on the ground. A lack of going to the grocery store and saying 'Hey, how you doing?' That is an important work of representation." Ocasio-Cortez also "said the Democrats must have a unified message that people can rally around, especially in the fight over President Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court." She said, "This Supreme Court seat is extremely serious. There is a federal investigation going on with direct implications to the presidency and that presidency is talking about nominating a Supreme Court pick that is going to essentially hear this case out."

Duckworth: Democrats Can't Go Too Far Left An Win Nationwide. The Washington Examiner (7/1, Ayers, 340K) reports that Sen. Tammy Duckworth warned Sunday that the Democratic Party should not move further to the left if they want to win the presidency. Following the surprising defeat of Crowley by Ocasio-Cortez, an "avowed Democratic socialist," Duckworth told CNN's State of the Union Sunday that "she doesn't foresee that being a winning strategy in the Midwest." Said Duckworth, "I think that you can't win the White House without the Midwest. ... And I don't think you can go too far to the left and still win the Midwest — coming from a

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Midwestern state." Duckworth urged dialogue with the "industrial Midwest," and said, "You need to listen to the people there in order to win an election nationwide."

The Washington Post (7/1, Scherer, 15.68M) says Democratic leaders are "scrambling to keep the political outrage they'd counted on to fuel midterm election wins from becoming a liability for the party." Internal debates "have broken into public view over maintaining civility and the usefulness of liberal slogans like 'abolish ICE,' which some Republicans have embraced to argue falsely that Democrats oppose immigration enforcement." Meanwhile, "liberal activists have begun to argue for more radical measures to counter the president, who they assert presents an immediate threat to the republic."

Rachel Bade of Politico said on CNN Inside Politics (7/1, 733K) that Ocasio-Cortez's primary win over Crowley "was a clear message to the top of Democratic leadership in the House that Democrats want change in their hierarchy and they want the establishment out, they want new blood at the top and they are ready to see somebody else lead beyond Pelosi."

John King said on CNN Inside Politics (7/1, 733K), "If there's a giant blue wave and Democrats win the House by 20 seats, Nancy Pelosi will be okay. She still is the party's premier fundraiser. She still has a lot of loyalty in the caucus. However, if they just squeak by and a whole bunch of candidates promised in their TV ads I won't vote for her, she's going to have to negotiate either a temporary speakership...or she may have to go."

Portland Police Declare Riot, Revoke Permit As Antifa Disrupts Protest. Breitbart (7/1, Huston, 1.28M) reports that Portland, Oregon police "revoked a permit for a pro-America march and declared the scene a riot when counter-protesters erupted in violence on Saturday." The permit had been "secured by the Patriot Prayer group that had planned a march entitled the 'Freedom and Courage' rally. But a large number of members of a local violent, black-clad Antifa group also gathered along the march route and began a series of confrontations with the marchers." According to The Oregonian, the Antifa group "initiated hostilities by throwing eggs, bottles, and other items at the Patriot group, the paper noted."

ABC World News Tonight (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Llamas, 14.63M) reported that according to police, at least four people were hurt "when right-wing demonstrators and counter-protesters broke out in brawls," and "at least nine people [are] facing charges." The CBS Weekend News (7/1, story 9, 0:20, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that officials "say they seized knives, clubs, and chemical sprays."

NYTimes Analysis: Supreme Court Ruling Against Unions A Blow To Liberal Groups. The New York Times (7/1, Scheiber, 19.33M) reports that the Supreme Court's ruling "striking down mandatory union fees for government workers" will "hit hard at a vast network of groups dedicated to advancing liberal policies and candidates." Groups that "work for immigrants and civil rights," or "produce economic research" or "turn out voters or run ads in Democratic campaigns," have "benefited from tens of millions of dollars a year from public-sector unions — funding now in jeopardy because of the prospective decline in union revenue." According to liberal activists, cutting off that funding "was a crucial goal of the conservative groups that helped bring the case, known as Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees," and conservatives "have acknowledged as much. ... Even President Trump took notice of the justices' ruling, declaring on Twitter that it was a 'big loss for the coffers of the Democrats!'"

Trump Says He Wants To Stay "Uninvolved" In Russia Probe, "At Least For Now." President Trump was asked in an interview that aired on Fox News Sunday Morning Futures (7/1, Bartiromo, 1.79M) about Russia investigation. Trump said, "So, I have this country running like a top, Mike Pompeo is doing great." He said, "We have a great group of people" and "the one thing I want to stay uninvolved in at least for now I may get involved but I have been told by so many people don't get involved." He said, "There's no collusion with me ...honestly it is a disgrace but I purposely said I'm not getting involved" and "you know, they found nothing." He said, "By the way, this is the most transparent thing ever done with the White House... I think I gave them a million 400,000 documents I told them don't even read them; there's no Russia mentioned or anything like that."

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Judge Rules Rosenstein's Order Gives Mueller Wide Investigative Latitude. The Washington Times (7/1, Scarborough, 460K) reports that understanding the reason special counsel Robert Mueller has expanded his investigation beyond the 2016 presidential race "may require perusing a federal judge's opinion on June 26 in the Paul Manafort case." District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III "dissected Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's May 2017 appointment order to Mr. Mueller," and "concluded that the prosecutor is empowered to look at virtually any Russian contact." According to Ellis, Rosenstein's guidelines "state that Mr. Mueller is to investigate any links between the Russian government and Trump campaign associates," which means "indirect links" or "potential links," giving Mueller "wide latitude when deciding whether to target a Trump person."

Judge Extends Program Paying For Hurricane Maria Victims' Hotel Stays. The CBS Weekend News (7/1, story 11, 0:30, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that Hurricane Maria evacuees living in hotels have gotten a "short reprieve" as a federal judge "temporarily extended the program that's been paying for their stay." The program was "set to expire at midnight Sunday, but will now end on Tuesday."

Private Equity Group Offer High-Interest Loans To Cash-Strapped Americans. The Washington Post (7/1, Whoriskey, 15.68M) reports that the company Mariner Finance "enables some of the nation's wealthiest investors and investment funds to make money offering high-interest loans to cash-strapped Americans." The company "is owned and managed by a $11.2 billion private equity fund controlled by Warburg Pincus, a storied New York firm," whose president is Timothy F. Geithner, "who, as treasury secretary in the Obama administration, condemned predatory lenders." The Post says the market for "'consumer installment loans,' which Mariner and its competitors serve, has grown rapidly in recent years, particularly as new federal regulations have curtailed payday lending, according to the Center for Financial Services Innovation, a nonprofit research group. Private equity firms, with billions to invest, have taken significant stakes in the growing field." Mariner "stands out for the frequent use of mass-mailed checks, which allows customers to accept a high-interest loan on an impulse — just sign the check."

Median Prime For A Single-Family Home In San Francisco Bay Area Is $935,000. The CBS Weekend News (7/1, story 8, 2:10, Quijano, 5.32M) reported that "a recent report says the median price for a single-family home in the [San Francisco] Bay area is $935,000. In the city it's even higher." CBS (Strassmann) added that market "is fueled by thousands of well-paid tech workers who have driven up the median price of a San Francisco home to $1.6 million, the highest in the country. And while housing prices are rising faster than incomes nationwide, nowhere is it more evident than in the Bay area, where home values have soared a staggering 64% over the last five years."

High Schools Clamp Down On Student Journalists Covering Sensitive Subjects. The New York Times (7/1, Peiser, 19.33M) reports that high schools across the nation have been pushing back against student journalists "who have reported on sensitive subjects, like the reaction to school shootings and adolescent sexuality." Since a 1988 Supreme Court ruling "that a Missouri school district had acted lawfully in removing a two-page spread on divorce and teenage pregnancy from a student newspaper, administrators have been able to censor work in school publications that they consider poorly written or 'inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order.'" The Times cites a number of examples but also notes that in some places, "student reporters have delved into difficult subjects without interference or complaint from administrators."

Seattle Bans Plastic Straws, Utensils In Restaurants. NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 8, 2:30, Jackson, 8.26M) reported that Seattle on Sunday joined "the growing list of cities banning plastic straws and plastic forks and knives in local restaurants. They're almost never recycled, meaning they end up in landfills, creating more of a pollution problem." NBC (Fryer) added that "28 cities around the country that have banned or limited plastic straws or are considering it. California and Hawaii are even exploring statewide policies."

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Murdoch Turning Much Of The Company He Built Over To Disney. The Washington Post (7/1, Ellison, 15.68M) reports that 21st Century Fox and News Corp. founder and co-executive chairman Rupert Murdoch is "selling the bulk of the company to Disney." It is "a seminal moment for Murdoch, who is turning over the power to run the company he has spent his career building." The Post adds that with President Trump's election, Murdoch is "at the height of his political influence in the United States, a position he has long sought. Murdoch has a direct line to Trump and close relationships with several Fox News personalities who act as unofficial advisers to the White House." Murdoch and the President "talk weekly and sometimes daily, according to people close to both men." Moreover, with "former Fox News executive and Sean Hannity confidant Bill Shine...expected to take the job of White House deputy chief of staff in charge of communications," it "only adds to the personal connections between Trump and the Murdoch-controlled news network."

In an editorial, the New York Times (7/1, 19.33M) questions the speed with which the Justice Department approved the Disney-Fox deal, saying it took "about half the time that regulators usually need to evaluate deals of this size." Noting that the Department "spent nearly two years investigating AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner and bringing an ultimately unsuccessful lawsuit against the deal," the Times says that while the Administration "has denied that politics plays a role in its antitrust enforcement decisions," it is "hard not to be skeptical of the possible motivations behind the Justice Department's approach to these deals."

Professors Oppose Stricter Work Requirements For SNAP. In an op-ed for the New York Times (7/1, 19.33M), Sarah Bowen, Sinikka Elliott And Annie Hardison-Moody, professors who have conducted a study on child hunger, write that the nation's policies "have long reflected, imperfectly, the moral imperative that children deserve adequate food. Until now." Although SNAP already includes work requirements for able-bodied adults without children, the House-passed farm bill "an even harsher policy and extends it to parents of school-age children. It would require that most adults provide monthly proof that they are working or enrolled in at least 20 hours of work force training per week in order to receive support" or risk being locked out of the program for three years. They note that the Senate version does not include the requirement "that will leave more kids hungry," and argue that while President Trump "offered his support," for stricter work requirements, the program "should not be restricted" but "expanded, so that fewer families — and especially kids — are hungry."

WPost Welcomes Transfer Of Background Checks From OPM To DOD. In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) says the Administration's proposal to transfer responsibility for background investigations for security clearances from the OPM to the Defense Department is change that is "a long time coming." The Post cites criticism of OPM's "slow processing of background checks" as well as "security concerns" stemming from the agency's handling of the investigations and says the "transfer of security-clearance responsibilities makes sense." However, the Post says Defense Department must "address these concerns and ensure that the background-check process is efficient, secure and accurate going forward."

WSJournal Criticizes Individual, Corporate Tax Hikes In New Jersey. A Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial criticizes New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and State Senate leader Steve Sweeney for agreeing to increase New Jersey's state's income tax on residents making more than $5 million and the corporate rate on companies with more than $1 million in income, giving the state the fourth highest income tax rate on individuals and the second highest corporate rate in the nation.

EDITORIAL WRAP-UP

New York Times. ***"Your Credit Card Will Pay For The Next Recession."*** The New York Times (7/1, 19.33M) says in an editorial that Federal Reserve forecasters' "median prediction is that the federal funds rate is headed to 3.4 percent by the end of 2020 from the current 1.9 percent," meaning consumers will be "paying more to get a mortgage, a new-car loan or to carry a balance on your credit card. How much more? Possibly enough to absorb whatever extra income you might be enjoying from lower tax rates or

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higher wages." The Fed's job of keeping "inflation in check by raising rates," has been "made more urgent by the Republicans' $1.5 trillion tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations." Now, "Trump supporters who benefited the least from the Republican tax cut...will now have to pay the bulk of the bill to mitigate the damage it caused to the economy."

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Washington Post. ***"This Piece Of Trump's Federal Shake-Up Has Been A Long Time Coming. Get It Right."*** In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) says the Administration's proposal to transfer responsibility for background investigations for security clearances from the OPM to the Defense Department is change that is "a long time coming." The Post cites criticism of OPM's "slow processing of background checks" as well as "security concerns" stemming from the agency's handling of the investigations and says the "transfer of security-clearance responsibilities makes sense." However, the Post says Defense Department must "address these concerns and ensure that the background-check process is efficient, secure and accurate going forward."

"The Malaria Fight Stalls As Children Die By The Hundreds Of Thousands." A Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) editorial says that while the number of malaria cases and deaths have declined steadily for a decade and a half as "global public-health officials have been at war" with the disease, the "battle shows signs of stalling." In 2016, "the number of malaria cases went up to 215 million, from 210 million the year before." The Post says that the fight against malaria will be won "by action on many fronts. A stall, after so much promise, would be terrible and costly."

"What Are The Park Police Hiding?" A Washington Post (7/1, 15.68M) criticizes the "epic stonewalling campaign" by US Park Police concerning Park Police officers' fatal shooting of Bijan Ghaisar, "a young accountant in Northern Virginia who appeared to pose no threat to them or anyone else." The Post says "it has been 225 days – and counting" and the Park Police response "has been characterized by brazen arrogance and in-your-face unaccountability on a grand scale." The Post concludes that "after so many months of official nonresponsiveness, there is one overarching question the public is entitled to ask: What are the police trying to hide?"

Wall Street Journal. ***"The War On Admissions Testing."*** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) takes issue with a growing movement to eliminate he ACT and SAT tests for college admissions. The Journal argues that although no test is ideal, the ACT and SAT are good predictors of how a student will perform in college.

"New Jersey's Tax Gift To Florida." A Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial criticizes New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and State Senate leader Steve Sweeney for agreeing to increase New Jersey's state's income tax on residents making more than $5 million and the corporate rate on companies with more than $1 million in income, giving the state the fourth highest income tax rate on individuals and the second highest corporate rate in the nation.

"North Korea Keeps Enriching Uranium." A Wall Street Journal (7/1, Subscription Publication, 6.13M) editorial says evidence of North Korea's continuing nuclear-fuel production suggests Pyongyang intends to drag out open-ended talks with the US for as long as possible in hopes of extracting new concessions along the way. The Journal says if President Trump does not call Kim Jong-un out on these activities, then Kim will conclude that he can get away with this behavior.

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After Trump Yields On Family Separation, Immigration Activists Demand End To Detentions, ICE

STORY LINEUP FROM LAST NIGHT'S NETWORK NEWS:

ABC: Severe Weather; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; France-Murderer Escapes Prison; Mexico-Elections; India-Bus Accident; Oregon-Police Shooting; Australia-Shark Bites Woman; Portland-Protest Becomes Riot; China-Road Collapses; Reagan National Airport-United Express Flight Forced To Deplane; Food Recall-Wishbone Italian Dressing; Best Buy Stops Selling CDs; Police Lip Sync.
CBS: Severe Weather; Wildfires; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Reagan National Airport-United Express Flight Forced To Deplane; Maryland-Capital Gazette Memorial; US-Russia Relations; Mexico-Elections; San Francisco-Housing Market; Portland-Protest Becomes Riot; Thailand-Missing Boys' Soccer Team; Puerto Rico-Hurricane Maria Evacuees; Long Island-Father Son Sock Business.
NBC: Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Severe Weather; Weather Report; Wildfires; Bahamas-Boat Explosion; Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Mexico-Elections; Plastic Straw Bans; Opioid Crisis-France's Solution; France-Murderer Escapes Prison; Family's Monster Truck Business.

NETWORK TV AT A GLANCE:

Severe Weather – 7 minutes, 35 seconds
Trump-SCOTUS Pick – 7 minutes, 30 seconds
Bahamas-Boat Explosion – 4 minutes, 50 seconds
Mexico-Elections – 3 minutes, 0 seconds

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ABC: Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; NBA News.
CBS: Idaho-Man Goes On Stabbing Spree; Severe Weather; Wildfires; Mexico-Elections; NBA News.
FOX: NBA News; Congress-SCOTUS Pick; Mexico-Elections.
NPR: Trump-SCOTUS Pick; Idaho-Man Goes On

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Stabbing Spree; Guatemala-Volcano-Health Issues; Canada-Tariffs On US.

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Late Night Political Humor.

John Oliver: Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement "is obviously huge news, and for anyone who believes that the Constitution protects things like reproductive and LGBT rights, this is bad. And we know it's bad because Donald Trump Jr. was happy, tweeting 'OMG just when you thought this week couldn't get more lit, I give you Anthony Kennedy's retirement from #scotus.' And I'm afraid I'm going to have to disagree with Mr. Junior on this, because I personally don't think this was lit at all. I mean, it's obvs cray af. No one is denying that, fam. But I would argue that this news was neither lit nor on fleek. Nor was it three fire emojis. Now, granted, I am still a little shook, jsyk, but I personally believe Kennedy's retirement is super werpt. And I'm happy to announce that, in saying that, all the slang words I just used are now officially dead forever. And that includes 'werpt,' a term that doesn't even exist, but which I have preemptively ruined just in case."

John Oliver: "The big question here is, who is going to replace Kennedy? And the Administration has made their plans pretty clear, with Mike Pence tweeting, 'Thank you to justice Anthony Kennedy for your long career of service. Trump will nominate a strong conservative in the tradition of the late Justice Scalia.' Which is a little weird. You don't generally stand up at someone's retirement party and say, 'Thank you for everything you did for this company, Robert, and rest assured that we will replace you with someone exactly like that other guy who used to work here that we always liked much more than you.'"

John Oliver: "There's a fundamental problem there, and that is that Republicans have 51 seats in the Senate, and they need 51 votes to confirm the new justice. So unless Democrats can convince their entire party to oppose the nomination and persuade a number of Republicans over to their side, they are...out of luck, meaning it's time for Democrats' favorite game: 'Hope Susan Collin Flips And Be Disappointed When She Doesn't!' It's America's most depressing game show."

John Oliver: "I'm happy to say, there is some good news. It turns out there's a constitutional loophole that allows Democrats to – I'm obviously lying here. There's no good news. Everything is terrible now."

John Oliver: "Barring some massive screw-up from Trump, the only thing anyone can really do is vote. And there are actually two key elections you should really try and vote in: One in 2016 and one in 2014. Because that is what got us into this mess."

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: Fwd: TOP request

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Hi Jonathan,

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Michael

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Michael,

Just finished speaking with Scott about the most recent TOP request.

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Thank you,
Scott

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Jonathan,

Am I correct that there is an appointment scheduled for Monday? What is the purpose of the appointment?

The threats of self-harm are troubling. Please remind me the SOP when these occur and

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From: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Subject: FW: UAC with TOP request: Instructions from leadership
Importance: High

Updated information just received:

Note: Minor disclosed to treating MD that **she believes pregnancy is a result of rape**. SIR on that disclosure expected shortly.

Minor also stated that she would prefer to harm herself than continue with pregnancy, which may constitute a medical risk of denying her the requested procedure.

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Please advise next steps.

From: Mansilla, Karla (ACF)
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 12:07 PM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Volovar, Jill (ACF)
Subject: Re: UAC with TOP request: Instructions from leadership

Good Morning,

There are a couple of updates on the case:

1 - As per the physician, any pregnancy at this age is risky; however, it is unknown how the pregnancy will affect the minor or if it's threatening her life or health.

2 - The minor disclosed to the MD that she believes that the pregnancy is a product of the rape. A SIR will be submitted within the next few minutes with the new information.

This is the response I received from the program:

"As part of the examination, the Child/Minor received an interview in the presence of an Interpreter, MD and Nursing Staff-(Mt Sinai Medical Center, NYC).

The Child/Minor claims that the pregnancy was a product of a rape by an unknown man. She was quite verbal during the interview session that she did not want to complete her pregnancy. She stated to the MD that she prefers to harm herself rather than continue with the pregnancy, with that in mind her mental health is at threat.

There are no contraindications for the termination. However, if the procedure is accepted/approved by ORR and the HQ, it should be perform soon."

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: UAC with TOP request: Instructions from leadership

Karla,

Thank you.

I will follow up with the ORR Director for next steps direction.

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Hope this helps.

Jonathan

From: Mansilla, Karla (ACF)
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:55 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF)
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Sualog, Jallyn (ACF); Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Volovar, Jill

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Subject: RE: UAC with TOP request: Instructions from leadership

I just received information the OB/GYN examination revealed 20 weeks gestation (fetal size/weight etc), not 9 weeks as originally reported. A follow up examination is scheduled for this coming Monday, December 4th, 2017. The program still wants clarification about the question about the termination not medically indicated. Is it the pregnancy or the termination that does not pose a threat to her health, or both?

She does not have a sponsor at this time. The program is trying to obtain more information from her family in home country.

Please note that the minor's primary language is (b)(6) and the program needs to use an interpreter, which has caused some delay in obtaining some information. At the examination with the OB/GYN the minor, with the assistance of a translator, requested a termination again.

Thank you,

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The next question is for my own awareness: what's this minor's reunification picture look like? Is there a sponsor identified?

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On: 30 November 2017 16:15, "Mansilla, Karla (ACF)" <Karla.Mansilla@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Thank you.

The pregnancy has been confirmed. She has nine weeks of gestation. Today she has her first appointment with the OB/GYN at Mt. Sinai hospital.

The minor decided to notify her mother in home country about the pregnancy. The mother discouraged the minor to have a termination, but the minor continues wanting to terminate.

Thank you,

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Subject: UAC with TOP request: Instructions from leadership

Karla,

Please see below the instructions from the ORR Director for the UAC at Abbott House who has made a request for TOP:

Please make sure the program proceeds with confirming the pregnancy with OB/GYN according to SOP. Also, the program should confirm that the termination is not medically indicated.

At the same time, the program should request permission of the UAC to contact parents and notify them of the pregnancy and the request for termination. The UAC can make the notification herself or have the program do it according to the UAC's wishes.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Jonathan

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+ Desperate Puerto Ricans Turning To Wells At Superfund Site For Water.

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+ Trump Says He Was "Surprised" By The "Dishonesty In The Media."

+ Trump Warns McCain, "I Fight Back And It Won't Be Pretty."

+ White House Urges Corker To "Get Out Of The Name-Calling."

+ White House Denies Trump Joked Pence Wanted To "Hang" Gays.

+ Senate Committee Subpoenas Page, Seeks Information From Flynn's Son.

+ Obama UN Ambassador Says Unmasking Requests Were Made In Her Name.

+ Trump Says Fed Chairman Pick Coming Soon, Source Says Early November.

+ Dow Tops 23,000 For First Time.

+ Trump Calls On Americans To Say "Merry Christmas" During Holidays.

+ Trump Drops In Forbes 400 Ranking.

+ Trump DC Judicial Nominee Addresses Judiciary Committee.

+ Pruitt Seeks To Assure Senators Over Biofuels Mandate.

+ Sessions Creates Watchdog For Asset Forfeiture Program.

+ Zinke Booster Now Expresses Concerns About His Public Land Policies.

+ Chao Silent On Federal Money For Miami's Metrorail.

+ Fox News Poll: Jones, Moore Tied At 42% In Dec. 12 Special Election.

+ Three Polls Show Virginia Governor's Race "Within The Margin Of Error."

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+ Two Polls Show Democrat Murphy Up Double Digits In New Jersey Governor's Race.

+ Pence's Fundraiser Benefiting Collins Draws "About 80" Protesters.

+ California House Republicans Get Large Financial Boost From PAC's Fundraiser With Pence.

+ Endorsing Flake Primary Foe Ward, Bannon Rips McConnell, Senate Republicans.

+ Hill Analysis: Trump's Support Gives Barletta Edge In Crowded Primary.

+ Eight Democrats On CNN's List Of "10 Senate Seats Most Likely To Switch Parties" In 2018.

+ Hawley Spokesman Sidesteps Question On Whether Candidate Would Back McConnell.

+ SLF Unveils Microsite Targeting Democrat Donnelly On Outsourcing.

+ Nelson Raises Nearly $1.8M In Q3, Has $6.3M Banked For Reelection Race.

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+ New Wildfires Emerge In Santa Cruz Mountains.

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+ Women Denounce Harassment In California's State Legislature.

+ NYTimes A1: Secretive "Self-Help" Group For Women Requires Members To Be Branded.

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Leading the News:

SENATORS REACH BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT TO FUND ACA SUBSIDY PAYMENTS. The New York Times (10/17, Kaplan, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on its front page that Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) "have reached a bipartisan deal to provide funding for critical subsidies to health insurers that President Trump said last week that he would cut off," Alexander said on Tuesday. This agreement aims "to stabilize health insurance markets under the Affordable Care Act." Under the agreement, "the subsidies would be funded for two years, a step that would provide at least short-term certainty to insurers." The article says Trump called the deal a "short term" solution.

USA Today (10/17, Jackson, 8.62M) reports that Trump again criticized the ACA on Tuesday, saying, "Obamacare is a disgrace to our nation. ... We are solving the problem of Obamacare." He also said the ACA was "dead" in his opinion. But after being told about the bipartisan deal, Trump said lawmakers "are working together and I know very much what they're doing, OK?"

In a front-page article, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, A1, Armour, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) quotes Alexander as saying, "Sen. Murray and I have an agreement. ... Democrats feel like there are protections there...at the same time we give significant flexibility to states."

The AP (10/17, Fram) reports that Trump "spoke favorably about the bipartisan compromise, which is still likely to face opposition in Congress." Alexander added that Trump had been encouraging, and that he "likes this idea." The article says that although the deal "is a breakthrough, they still need to secure the support of fellow Republicans and Democrats." The piece adds that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) "was noncommittal, while Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., welcomed the agreement as a step forward that will provide stability for insurance markets in the short-term."

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On its front page, the Washington Post (10/17, A1, Sullivan, Eilperin, 10.38M) reports "Republican leaders did not immediate[ly] endorse the Alexander-Murray framework, raising new questions about whether it would find any traction." The article adds that for now, "many Republican senators are distancing themselves from the emerging Alexander-Murray plan."

Bloomberg News (10/17, Edney, Wasson, Litvan, 4.52M) reports that if the proposal "becomes law, it could end a chaotic week that saw the White House move to dismantle parts of the Affordable Care Act even as Trump took credit for pushing lawmakers to work out the fixes."

Reuters (10/17, Abutaleb, Cowan) reports that Murray said about the deal, "We are ironing out a few of the last details right now but I am very optimistic that we will be able to make an announcement with all the details very soon." For his part, Alexander stated, "This takes care of the next two years." He added, "This is a small step. I'd like to undersell it, not oversell it."

Also covering the story are ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 2, 2:35, Muir, 14.63M), NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 2, 0:30, Holt, 16.61M), USA Today (10/17, Berry, 8.62M) in a second story, the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Levey, Mascaro, 4.49M), the Washington Times (10/17, Boyer, 541K), the New York Post (10/17, Fredericks, 4.31M), Politico (10/17, Haberkorn, 3.6M), CNBC (10/17, Mangan, Pramuk, Coombs, 3.48M), The Hill (10/17, Sullivan, 1.68M), the Huffington Post (10/17, Fuller, Bobic, Cohn, 5.74M), NPR (10/17, Kodjak, 2.4M), the Washington Examiner (10/17, Leonard, 465K), Roll Call (10/17, McIntire, 134K), and Modern Healthcare (10/17, Meyer, Subscription Publication, 238K).

Mark Walker Calls Bipartisan Deal "An Affront To GOP Promises To Repeal" ACA. The Hill (10/17, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that in response to the announcement about the bipartisan deal, Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC), chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee in the House, dismissed it "as an affront to GOP promises to repeal President Obama's signature legislation." Walker said, "Anything propping [ObamaCare] up is only saving what Republicans promised to dismantle."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports that Walker tweeted, "The GOP should focus on repealing &replacing Obamacare, not trying to save it. ... This bailout is unacceptable."

In a separate article, the Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports that Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) "shrugged off criticism from House conservatives Tuesday that it was a 'bailout.'" He said, "I appreciated President Trump's encouragement and his recommendation that it was important to continue the cost-sharing payments for two years in order to avoid harming millions of Americans. ... That is kind of comment that I welcome, and I think his support is important."

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Another article in The Hill (10/17, Roubein, 1.68M) also covers the story.

Heritage Foundation Fellow Slams Bipartisan Deal To Fund ACA Subsidy Payments. The Hill (10/17, Greenwood, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Ed Haislmaier, a senior research fellow in healthcare policy for the Heritage Foundation, "ripped a bipartisan deal...that would provide funding for" ACA subsidy payments to insurers. He stated, "For Congress, the most important thing is to recognize that funding the cost sharing reduction subsidies – as many are now calling for – would prop up the subsidized ObamaCare exchange market, but would do absolutely nothing to stabilize the broader, unsubsidized individual market."

Mark Meadows Calls Bipartisan Deal A" Good Start." The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, "said more work needs to be done to get conservatives to support a bipartisan Senate deal to extend critical ObamaCare payments to insurers, but he called it a starting point." Meadows is quoted as saying, "There are elements in the Alexander-Murray plan that we can build on, but much more work needs to be done." He characterized the agreement as a "good start."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, Weaver, 465K) also covers the story.

Connecticut Lawmakers Praise Bipartisan Deal. The Connecticut Mirror (10/17, Radelat) reports that the bipartisan deal "would also restore $106 million in funding for advertising and marketing of the Affordable Care Act that helps people enroll in insurance plans." Commenting on the agreement, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) said, "This bipartisan agreement is a victory for American patients and consumers, showing how we can work together across party lines. ... Extending payments for critical healthcare subsidies ensures that countless Americans will retain access to their healthcare, in spite of the president's repeated attempts to sabotage insurance markets." Meanwhile, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) "called the agreement 'good news.'"

The Secretary in the News:

TRUMP MAY BE CONSIDERING ALEX AZAR TO REPLACE PRICE AS HHS SECRETARY, SOURCES SAY. Politico (10/17, Restuccia, Johnson, Karlin-Smith, Dawsey, 3.6M) reports President Trump "is leaning toward nominating Alex Azar, a former pharmaceutical industry executive and George W. Bush administration official, to serve as Health and Human Services secretary, according to two White House officials." If confirmed, Azar would replace former HHS Secretary Tom Price who resigned last month following criticism about his use of private jets and military planes. The article adds that according to several unnamed sources, other possible candidates for the post, including CMS Administrator Seema Verma and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, "are no longer under consideration."

Reuters (10/17, Walsh) reports that Azar served as "deputy secretary at HHS during the administration of President George W. Bush before joining drugmaker Eli Lilly and Co, first as

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senior vice president of corporate affairs and communications, and later as president of Lilly USA, its U.S. affiliate."

The Washington Post (10/17, Eilperin, Goldstein, 10.38M) reports that "both of the HHS secretaries for whom Azar worked are supporting him for the position." Mike Leavitt on Tuesday said Azar was "an experienced, competent conservative who is confirmable." Tommy Thompson praised Azar's "record of proven competence" and combination of private- and public-sector management and "deep substantive health-care knowledge."

The New York Daily News (10/17, Silverstein, 3.61M) reports that while Azar has experience working at HHS, he spent most of the last decade "working for the same drug industry he would be expected to oversee while leading the department."

The Hill (10/17, Savransky, 1.68M) the Washington Times (10/17, Persons, 541K), the Indianapolis Star (10/17, Groppe, 479K), and the Indianapolis Business Journal (10/17, 37K) also cover the story.

TRUMP SAYS HE WILL NOMINATE A NEW HHS SECRETARY SOON. The AP (10/17) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump said he is "'more than close' to naming a new health and human services secretary." He added that if his choice for HHS Secretary is confirmed, "it will be...fantastic."

DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS WANT TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO JUSTIFY DECISION TO END ACA SUBSIDY PAYMENTS. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Leonard, 465K) reports that on Tuesday, congressional Democrats "demanded that the Trump administration justify its decision to end insurer payments, accusing him of doing so not for legal reasons, but to 'sabotage' Obamacare." They wrote to President Trump and Acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan, seeking "documentation to show which factors were considered in Trump's decision to end the payments, known as cost-sharing reduction, or CSR, subsidies." The lawmakers "asked for any analyses that were conducted, including what impact his decision would have on health insurance costs, access to coverage, and federal spending."

HHS in the News:

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION REPORTEDLY PREVENTING UNDOCUMENTED MINORS WHO WERE RAPED FROM OBTAINING ABORTIONS. The Huffington Post (10/17, Foley, 5.74M) reports, "Many undocumented immigrant girls seeking safety in the United States are raped during their journeys," but when "they arrive, they are put in custody of a government that is now obstructing access to abortion." The article says earlier this year, the Trump Administration implemented new rules "to prevent undocumented minors in government custody from getting abortions. Since March, the government has required shelters to get its approval before releasing girls for abortion-related services – approval that officials have refused to grant." The piece adds

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that officials are demanding that "minors be sent to crisis pregnancy centers that discourage them from seeking abortions, and at times have intervened directly to discourage girls from terminating their pregnancies." The Office of Refugee Resettlement said in a statement, "There is no constitutional right for a pregnant minor to illegally cross the U.S. border and get an elective abortion while in federal custody."

Undocumented Immigrant Minor Files Another Lawsuit Seeking Permission For An Abortion. The Washington Post (10/17, Sacchetti, Somashekhar, 10.38M) reports, "The American Civil Liberties Union is accusing the Trump administration of illegally blocking a 17-year-old Central American immigrant from having an abortion and will urge a federal judge in Washington on Wednesday to clear the way for her and other young immigrants to terminate their pregnancies."

The Dallas Morning News (10/17, Wang, 984K) reports that "Jane Doe," a 17-year-old undocumented and unaccompanied immigrant in Texas, has filed another lawsuit seeking permission for an abortion. The article explains that Doe's previous lawsuit was dismissed, but that she has filed another federal lawsuit in a different court against the heads of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration for Children and Families, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The American Civil Liberties Union is representing Doe in the lawsuit, and "has requested a temporary restraining order to allow Doe to have an abortion."

The New York Daily News (10/17, Cullen, 3.61M) reports that the Administration for Children and Families said in a statement that under federal law, the Office of Refugee Resettlement can "decide what is in the best interests of a minor in the unaccompanied alien children program and, in this case, her unborn baby."

The Daily Caller (10/17, Carr, 521K) reports that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said that ruling in favor of Doe would "create a right to abortion for anyone on earth who enters the US illegally. And with that right, countless others undoubtedly would follow. Texas must not become a sanctuary state for abortions." CNN (10/17, Levenson, Burnside, 33.59M) also covers the story.

HHS TO HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS IN MILWAUKEE. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (10/17, Hauer, 628K) reports the Department of Health and Human Services will hold a national conference on the Small Business Innovation and Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grants in Milwaukee from November 7 to November 9. During the conference, "around 100 program managers from" the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of Health will be in Milwaukee, and "attendees will be able to meet one-on-one with the program managers to learn how to submit successful applications." Walter Koroshetz, the director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, will give one of the keynote addresses at the conference.

BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING VALUE-BASED CARE IN QUESTION. STAT (10/17, 43K) reports that "the implementation of value-based care is a flop so far," as "costs have continued to skyrocket," Medicare "has lost money on accountable care organizations," and "forecasted quality

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gains have not materialized." The article explains that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Director Seema Verma has begun "began soliciting new ideas last month for changing how care is delivered and paid for by the government." According to STAT, Verma's request "charted a new course for the agency's innovation center, saying it wants to cut red tape, empower consumers, and 'allow physicians and other providers to focus on providing high-quality healthcare to their patients.'"

OPINION: HHS SHOULD USE EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT HURRICANES. Brian Nyquist, the executive director of the National Infusion Center Association, writes in an opinion piece in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the Department of Health and Human Services should enact the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program to help those who are struggling to obtain their prescriptions because of recent hurricanes. Nyquist explains that "the program provides a mechanism for more than 70,000 enrolled retail pharmacies nationwide to process claims for certain kinds of prescription drugs, specific medical supplies, vaccines and some forms of medical equipment for uninsured individuals in a federally-identified disaster area."

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DEFENDS CONTRACT AWARDED TO FORMER NEXTCARE CEO. "The federal Indian Health Service agency is defending a contract it awarded" in September to Arizona-based Tribal Emergency Medicine, "whose CEO formerly led a firm that paid $10 million to settle allegations of submitting false claims to government health programs," the AP (10/17) reports. "Tribal Emergency Medicine CEO John Shufeldt previously led NextCare Inc., a multistate chain of urgent-care clinics," the article explains. In 2009, a former employee filed a lawsuit against NextCare "on behalf of the U.S. government alleging the company conducted hundreds of unnecessary allergy and respiratory tests on patients and then submitted bills for the tests to government programs. ... The lawsuit also alleged the company inflated billings as part of a practice known as upcoding."

HEALTH EXPERTS CALL FOR CHANGES TO FOOD ENVIRONMENT AS CDC RESEARCH SHOWS RISING OBESITY RATES. With obesity rates in the US at "a new high," public health experts are calling for "an aggressive shift in strategy – one that would change the food environment through initiatives such as soda taxes," USA Today (10/17, Toy, 8.62M) reports. Traditional "public health efforts have centered on communicating messages about what is healthy in the hopes of changing people's behavior," but new research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics shows a steady increase in obesity rates among US adults, up from 30.5 percent in 1999-2000 to 39.8 percent in 2015-2016. The article cites "Craig Hales, the study's lead researcher and a medical epidemiologist at the CDC," and notes that "physician Jerome Adams, who was sworn in as surgeon general in August, on Monday cited obesity as among the Department of Health and Human Services' three top priorities," with the other two being mental health and addiction.

BRENNAN: NLM IS A "SAFE HARBOR" FOR INFORMATION. STAT (10/17, Blau, 43K) interviews National Library of Medicine Director Patricia Brennan, who discusses efforts to improve the accessibility of data. "The library is a safe harbor for information," Brennan told STAT. "We are counted on to openly curate the important health knowledge of an era – and preserve it across eras." Brennan insists that the NLM, part of the National Institutes of Health, "has not received any directive to restrict our information or change the information we have available," unlike other agencies which have restricted public access to certain information under

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the Trump Administration. “I have a buffer between me and the political,” she said during a recent talk to journalists at the NLM, referring to Dr. Francis Collins, head of the NIH, an Obama appointee who has kept his job under the new Administration.

OPINION: US SHOULD FUND MORE RESEARCH ON HOW TO CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE. Rob Egge, the chief public policy officer of the Alzheimer’s Association, writes in an opinion piece in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that “this week, leading experts in dementia care and services are gathered at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the National Research Summit on Care, Services and Supports for Persons with Dementia and Their Caregivers.” Egge argues that while funding for research to prevent or cure Alzheimer’s disease is crucial, the federal government should also fund research on how to better care for those already living with the disease.

MORE RESEARCHERS KEEPING PRIMATES IN SHARED CAGES RATHER THAN ALONE. The NPR (10/17, Greenfieldboyce, 2.4M) “Shots” blog reports that more researchers are keeping primates in shared cages rather than alone. According to a survey, the percentage of research labs that kept primates in cages alone decreased from 59% in 2003 to 35% in 2014. The article reports that the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare’s Guide for the Care and Use Of Laboratory Animals says shared cages should be the “default” for primates.

Health Reform:

TRUMP CALLS ON CONGRESS TO FIX “OBAMACARE MESS” AT HERITAGE FOUNDATION EVENT. The Hill (10/17, Bowden, 1.68M) reports President Donald Trump told a conservative gathering at the Heritage Foundation that he “commends” the bipartisan legislation negotiated by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to stabilize the healthcare system and said Congress should fix the “ObamaCare mess.” Trump also said, “I’m pleased that Democrats have finally responded to my call for them to take responsibility for their ObamaCare disaster and work with Republicans to provide much needed relief to the American people.” The Hill adds that “the bipartisan deal got a cold shoulder from Republicans on Tuesday, suggesting it faces a rocky path to become law.”

PRESIDENT TRUMP MAY HAVE TO LOBBY FOR BIPARTISAN HEALTHCARE DEAL. Politico (10/17, Haberkorn, Cancryn, 3.6M) reports that a bipartisan deal negotiated between Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to stabilize health insurance markets may rely on President Trump’s support. The President praised the legislation as “a very good solution” Tuesday, but also said later to the Heritage Foundation, “While I commend the bipartisan work done by Sens. Alexander and Murray – and I do commend it – I continue to believe Congress must find a solution to the Obamacare mess instead of providing bailouts to insurance companies.” Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) said, “The fact that the president has indicated a real interest in seeing a bipartisan fix like this move forward for a short-term fix is critical.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell added that a vote has not been scheduled on the legislation, saying, “We haven’t had a chance to think about the way forward yet.”

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TRUMP SAYS SENATE GOP WILL RESUME WORK ON ACA REPEAL BILL AFTER TAX REFORM. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Morrongiello, 465K) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump predicted that "Senate Republicans will return to healthcare reform as soon as Congress passes tax cuts, claiming GOP leaders still have the votes to pass a bill that would redirect federal funding for Obamacare to the states." He is quoted as saying, "We are very close." The article says Trump also endorsed the bipartisan deal that seeks to shore up ACA marketplaces.

U.S. News &World Report (10/17, 1.73M) also covers the story.

TRUMP BLAMES DEMS FOR PREMIUM HIKES FOR ACA PLANS. The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump "blamed Democrats for any premium spikes for ObamaCare plans, even as key senators announced a bipartisan deal aimed at saving the insurance markets from actions taken by the administration." Trump tweeted, "Any increase in ObamaCare premiums is the fault of the Democrats for giving us a 'product' that never had a chance of working."

SENS. BENNET, KAINE UNVEIL PROPOSAL TO ADD PUBLIC OPTION TO ACA. The Hill (10/17, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Sens. Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) unveiled a bill which seeks "to add a government-run 'public option' plan to ObamaCare, modeled on Medicare." The article says the proposal, "part of a long-running debate in the Democratic Party about how far to go in expanding government-run health insurance, would move ObamaCare to the left, but does not go as far as Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) 'Medicare for all' plan." The piece adds that rather than eliminate the ACA and replace with Medicare for everyone, this bill "would provide an option modeled on Medicare as a choice alongside private plans offered through the existing ObamaCare system."

SOME STATES, INSURERS SCRAMBLING TO RAISE RATES FOLLOWING TRUMP'S DECISION TO END ACA SUBSIDY PAYMENTS. Carolyn Y. Johnson writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "Wonkblog" that state insurance regulators and insurers "scrambled to raise premiums for insurance plans sold on the Affordable Care Act exchanges Monday, after the White House announced it was ending key federal subsidy payments." The piece says some insurers are only now raising prices following President Trump's decision to end ACA subsidy payments. However, in several states, "insurance companies had already priced in a possible end of CSRs to their rate requests, anticipating President Trump's move."

SENATE GOP'S SLIM MAJORITY THREATENED BY THE AGE AND ILLNESSES OF CERTAIN LAWMAKERS. The AP (10/17, Fram) reports, "Top Republicans coping with a razor-thin majority in the Senate as they try pushing a partisan agenda are running smack into another complication – the sheer age and health issues of some senators." The article adds that Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), aged 79, returned to Washington, DC on Tuesday "after a month of treatment at home. A statement said he still had urological issues and his treatment 'could affect his work schedule.'" The piece also mentions Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), 81, who is receiving treatment for brain cancer, and says that in July, the Senate delayed a vote to repeal the ACA for a week so that McCain could participate.

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SENS. TOOMEY, COTTON UNVEIL NEW BILL TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PEOPLE FROM ACA'S INDIVIDUAL MANDATE. The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports Sens. Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) have unveiled legislation that "would exempt certain people from ObamaCare's requirement that everyone must purchase health insurance or pay a fine." The lawmakers said the ACA's individual mandate is "cruel," and "they want to exempt working class Americans from the requirement." The measure "would exempt anyone who earns less than the national median household income; lives in a state where the average premium increased by more than 10 percent year over year; or anyone who lives in a county with only one insurer."

INSURERS MAY LOSE ABOUT $1 BILLION DURING THE REMAINDER OF 2017 IF ACA SUBSIDY PAYMENTS END, ANALYSIS INDICATES. The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports a new analysis conducted by Avalere Health indicates ACA plans "will post losses of up to $1 billion for the rest of 2017 due to President Trump's decision to cut off insurer payments." These losses differ "from state to state, with North Dakota plans losing the least with $1.2 million for the rest of 2017 and Florida losing the most with $200 million." The article says the analysis highlights the impact of Trump's decision, and the possible effect on ACA insurers if Congress fails to take action.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR INDIANA'S ACA NAVIGATORS CUT BY 82%. The Indianapolis Star (10/17, Rudavsky, 479K) reports the Trump Administration recently cut "funds to support its Navigator program, which helps consumers find coverage through the marketplace and enroll for Medicaid." The move deeply impacted Indiana, which "saw an 82 percent cut in its funding, going from $1.6 million in 2016 to $296,704 for 2017." The article says these decreases have caused concern that people will be unable to find assistance to enroll in ACA plans. The piece adds, however, that in many cases, "federally qualified health centers have their own navigators and other entities also support individuals who can assist with enrollment."

PITTSBURGH, ERIE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESES SETTLE LAWSUITS OVER ACA'S CONTRACEPTION MANDATE. The AP (10/17, Mandak) reports, "The Pittsburgh and Erie Roman Catholic dioceses have settled lawsuits seeking to overturn an Affordable Care Act mandate that would have forced them to provide contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs or services as part of their employee health care plans." Earlier this month, the Trump Administration announced it was rescinding the ACA's contraception mandate, and issued new rules which "broadened 'conscience protections' to include nonprofits and certain other businesses that claim a moral objection to contraception or abortion, even if it's not religious-based." The article says the US Supreme Court had ordered the plaintiffs and the US government to settle the suits, and on Tuesday, Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik, the lead plaintiff in the case, announced the settlement, saying that it "restores religious freedom granted by the First Amendment."

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN MINNESOTA'S GUBERNATORIAL RACE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (10/17, Stassen, 527K) reports that as debate over the fate of the ACA continues, "Minnesota Democrats who would be governor are near united in their prescriptions: Universal and single-payer is the way forward." The article says during a recent debate, "the half-dozen Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidates gave nods to supporting universal health care." Four of them "proudly said they

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supported a single-payer health care model, meaning a publicly financed system."

NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SAYS HE WILL NOT ALLOW MORE RATE HIKES FOR ACA PLANS. The AP (10/17, Nicholson) reports that on Tuesday, North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread said "he will deny any additional rate increases" for ACA plans being offered for 2018. Godfread warned last week that President Trump's decision to end ACA subsidy payments to insurers could raise rates by up to 10 percent. On Tuesday, Godfread wrote to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, Medica and Sanford Health Plan, saying he would not allow any more increases. He stated that "this is an issue that is between insurance carriers and the federal government," and that it was his "duty to look out for those consumers who have had to absorb multiple rounds of increases to their health insurance premiums without receiving any assistance from the federal government."

CENTENE RAISES PREMIUMS IN ARKANSAS BY 21.4 PERCENT. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette (10/17, Davis, 319K) reports that Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) said additional premium increases for plans on the state's exchange will have a "minimal impact" on the cost of the state's expanded Medicaid program. Due to the increases, "the state will pay higher premiums next year to provide coverage under Arkansas Works," but the costs are likely to be offset by the elimination of cost-sharing reduction payments. The article explains that Centene has raised its average premium in the state by 21.4 percent.

CELTIC INSURANCE/MHS TO RAISE AVERAGE ACA PLAN PREMIUMS IN INDIANA BY 35.7 PERCENT. The Indianapolis Business Journal (10/17, 37K) reports that Celtic Insurance Co./MHS is increasing its average premiums for ACA exchange by 35.7 percent to $496 per month. The article points out that the company "is one of two insurers that have committed to the Obamacare exchanges for Indiana next year."

NEW JERSEY REGULATORS APPROVE PREMIUM INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL ACA PLANS. The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Brubaker, 1.71M) reports that the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance approved average rate increases for individual ACA plans for next year. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey will increase rates 24.3 percent and AmeriHealth New Jersey rates will rise by 17.1 percent. The Inquirer adds, "Were it not for uncertainty over federal policy, such as the elimination of payments to insurers to cover out-of-pocket costs for consumers and weakened enforcement of the requirement that individuals buy health insurance, the increases would have been significantly lower, Horizon said."

The AP (10/17) reports that AmeriHealth has expanded its service and will offer plans in 13 of the state's 21 counties under the new rates next year.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATORS PROPOSE WIDE-RANGING HEALTHCARE REFORM BILL. The AP (10/17, Salsberg) reports Massachusetts Senate leaders filed a bill Tuesday to which "aims to squeeze out between $475 million and $525 million in overall health care savings by 2020." The "wide-ranging proposal" includes provisions to "curb price increases for prescription drugs, reduce the number of unnecessary visits to hospital emergency rooms and

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smooth out vast disparities between payments made to smaller community hospitals and their large Boston counterparts." The AP reports that the measure is "likely to undergo changes as it makes its way through the legislative process."

VERMONT JOINS LAWSUIT AGAINST TRUMP TO MAINTAIN ACA SUBSIDIES. VTDigger (VT) (10/17, Mansfield, 3K) reports Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan announced Tuesday that his state will join a lawsuit along with 17 other states and DC against President Trump over his "decision to cut off federal health insurance subsidies designed to help low-income sick people." Donovan explained, "There's got to be some sort of process here. ... You just can't say one day, 'We're going to stop making these payments from the federal government.' That would be too arbitrary. It comes down to process." The article reports that 13,000 Vermont residents receive federal cost-sharing reduction subsidies.

SENATE HEALTHCARE BILL COULD RESCUE MINNESOTACARE FUNDING CUTS. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (10/17, Brooks, 1.27M) reports that the bipartisan legislation proposed by Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) clarifies that lowering premiums in the state insurance marketplace, as Minnesota has done, will not cause a reduction in federal healthcare subsidies. The measure is in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service's decision on the state's ACA waiver application, which determined that the state would lose $742 million in funding for its MinnesotaCare program. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) said, "They want to encourage things like what Minnesota did," adding, "What we did was set a path for other states to do the same thing, and if you cut us off, you cut off other states."

MCCAIN, MURKOWSKI SAY THEY SUPPORT BIPARTISAN HEALTHCARE DEAL. The Hill (10/17, Carney, 1.68M) reports Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) both gave their support behind a bipartisan healthcare bill Tuesday. McCain said, "While this deal certainly doesn't solve all the problems caused by Obamacare, it shows that good faith, bipartisan negotiations can achieve consensus on lasting reform. ... I look forward to voting in support of this bill." Murkowski called it a "short-term deal" and added that it was "an important step as we work towards long-term solutions." The Hill added, however, that it is "not clear if the Alexander-Murray deal can get the 60 votes needed in the Senate, much less win over the more conservative House GOP caucus."

BIPARTISAN HEALTHCARE DEAL INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Hackman, Mathews, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) examines the compromise between Democrats and Republicans in the healthcare proposal announced Tuesday by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA). The Journal observes that Democrats secured restored funding for cost-sharing payments for two years and funding for ACA outreach, while Republicans added increased flexibility for waivers and catastrophic plans.

SEN. JOHNSON TO QUESTION OPM NOMINEES ON CONGRESSIONAL HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS. Roll Call (10/17, Lesniewski, 134K) reports Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman, plans to question nominees for the Office of Personnel Management Wednesday on the agency's policy of paying "employer contributions for members of Congress and staffers who were moved from the Federal Employee

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Health Benefits system to the District of Columbia exchange set up under" the ACA. The nominees, Jeff T.H. Pon for director and Michael Rigas for deputy director, were informed that the committee sought documents regarding that topic as part of the confirmation process. Johnson added, "I've already spoken to both the nominee for director and for the deputy director. ... They're fully aware of it, and you can expect that question coming up in the hearing tomorrow as well."

KEY QUESTIONS SURROUND THE SENATE'S BIPARTISAN HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL. The Washington Examiner (10/18, King, Leonard, 465K) examines some key questions about the bipartisan plan circulated by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA). The piece discusses whether the plan could pass in the House given the Republican Study Committee's tweet that the deal was a "bailout," and whether the President will support it. The Examiner also assesses how states will benefit from the measure, including whether 2018 rates will be affected, and the piece asks whether the Administration might delay open enrollment which is set to start November 1.

COMMENTARY CONSIDERS HEALTH REFORM. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Matt O'Brien writes for the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "Wonkblog" that President Trump is taking a "three-pronged approach to undermining Obamacare" which includes cutting back on outreach, letting people buy "bare-bones coverage" again, and "pulling the plug on Obamacare's cost-sharing reduction payments." O'Brien discusses Trump's statements in support of a bipartisan bill that would continue the CSRs, but concludes, "The only thing that is clear is that right now Trump is threatening to take steps to make insurance more expensive and markets less stable than they were before."

Brian Balogh writes in a Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) piece that last week, President Trump again sought to erase "his biggest humiliation since taking office: the failure to repeal and replace Obamacare." The executive order he signed includes a provision to expand access to "Association Health Plans." Balogh wonders if Trump understands what comprises an association, and adds, "We really can't blame the president for not knowing the scope of associations, though. Few Americans understand how associations affect every facet of their daily lives."

Aaron Blake writes for the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "The Fix" blog that President Trump first justified his decision to stop paying ACA subsidies to insurers because the insurance companies were "getting rich" off of them, pointing to their stock prices. Blake adds that Trump was "cherry-picking his data" from the date the ACA passed, not when it was "actually implemented," and leaves out the fact that insurers are "generally taking losses from their Affordable Care Act plans." The piece concludes, "Very little of it makes sense, and coming from a president who seemed to vacillate daily on what he wanted from an Obamacare replacement, it suggests Trump doesn't really have a game plan or understanding of how all of this works."

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Joshua Jamerson writes in a Wall Street Journal (10/17, 6.45M) “WashWire” piece that President Trump has indicated he would sign a bipartisan effort to shore up ACA marketplaces. Jamerson adds that Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) are working on such a measure. It would authorize funding for ACA subsidy payments to insurers, and provide states with more flexibility to reshape the healthcare law.

Bloomberg View (10/17, 4.52M) editorializes that the bipartisan agreement reached by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to shore up the health insurance system is “exactly the kind of rational compromise that Washington needs more of.” The editorial urges President Trump to “get his own party, especially in the House of Representatives, to help pass it.” The piece concludes that “by demonstrating how readily the law can be tweaked in productive ways that appeal to both Democrats and Republicans, it could begin to lay a bipartisan foundation for the U.S. health-care system.”

Michael Katz, a pediatric anesthesiologist, writes in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the healthcare debate in Washington is “missing a fundamental point: the real problem with American health care is the fundamentally flawed business structure underlying its delivery.” Katz explains that the “system is exceptionally good at caring for the very sick, injured and dying but poorly equipped to promote a healthy society and the healthy lifestyles that consume less care.” The piece recommends that the President and Congress enact policies to “develop a consolidated and integrated health system” and concludes that we need leaders who recognize “our society’s moral obligation to achieve health equality.”

David O. Barbe, President of the American Medical Association, writes in the U.S. News &World Report (10/17, 1.73M) that the Trump Administration’s “decision to end cost-sharing reduction payments not only disrupts the health insurance market, but contradicts many of the health reform priorities expressed this year by both the president and members of Congress.” The decision will “not increase competition or consumer choice” of health insurance plans, will “cause average premiums to rise by 20 percent in 2018,” and will “increase the federal deficit by $194 billion from 2017 through 2026,” according to Congressional Budget Office analyses. Barbe concludes, “Clearly, the recent action taken by the administration has created a crisis point where partisan differences must be set aside in favor of a bipartisan agreement to maintain the stability of the non-group insurance market place” and that “our patients are counting on Congress to do the right thing.”

The New York Daily News (10/18, 3.61M) editorializes that the bipartisan legislation authored by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) is a “modest bill” that is a “no-brainer fix.” The piece observes that the bill is a “bipartisan remedy” to a “health-insurance crisis of the President’s own making – restoring subsidies that enable insurance companies to offer plans with affordable copays, and taking other steps to stabilize, not sabotage, Obamacare markets.” Despite being a “no-brainer,” the piece says that it has no “guarantee that it has any chance of passage in the Republican-controlled House.”

John Stoehr, in a U.S. News &World Report (10/17, 1.73M) column, calls for “constitutional conservatives” to recognize that President Trump’s announcement to end payments to health insurers that help cover out-of-pocket costs for low-income Americans “is actual tyranny.” The

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piece discusses the Anti-Federalist papers during the founding era which "understood a nation is a social contract." The column concludes that "self-described constitutional conservatives are not considering the fullness of the Constitution" and "are focusing on one vital aspect – which is that Congress has the power of the purse – while overlooking another vital aspect – which is the goal of protecting and defending against the state of nature."

Abbe Gluck, professor at Yale Law School's Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy, writes for Vox (10/17, 1.54M) that "Modern American history has never seen as full-scale an effort to sabotage a valid law as we have with President Trump and the Affordable Care Act." The "intentional, multi-pronged sabotage of the ACA ... violates both Trump's constitutional obligations and quite possibly the obligations of his Department of Health and Human Services." Gluck adds that the Constitution requires the President to "take Care that the laws be faithfully executed," and concludes, "The president has a right not to like the ACA. But so long as it is the law of the land, he does not have the right to undermine it through the use of executive power."

Jay Bookman writes in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (10/17, 1.16M) that when President Trump claims that "Obamacare is finished," what he means is that he "is ensuring that the program helps as few Americans as possible, at as high a cost as possible to taxpayers, in hopes that by inflicting a lot of pain he can destroy the program's growing popularity." Bookman continues, "Trump has taken a hostage with no real idea of what ransom he wants in return" because after more than two years, Trump has "offered up nothing in the form of a plan or a bill" – aside from what congressional Republicans "vomited forth." Bookman concludes that Trump's "'plan' is to cause as much chaos and pain to as many people as possible," and that he is "doing it because he can destroy, but he cannot build."

Eric Leenson and Dan Geiger, Co-Directors of the Business Alliance for a Healthy California, write in the San Diego Union-Tribune (10/17, 668K) that "small businesses are among the most negatively impacted by our nation's health care system's runaway costs and corporate insurance system." The column says that the Healthy California Act, SB 562, provides for Medicare-for-all and would especially benefit small businesses by "lowering overall health expenditures," "freeing businesses from the burden and expense of managing and paying for employees' health care," and "the stress of administering" health insurance plans. The piece concludes by quoting a former Cigna vice president, Wendell Potter, who said, "When businesses understand the benefits of single payer and speak out, there will be no stopping the movement for universal health care."

Daniel Hemel, assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School, in an op-ed in the Washington Post, reprinted in the Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (10/17, 553K), calls for states to seize the "opportunity to restore order to their insurance markets" following President Trump's announcement his Administration will not pay ACA subsidies. The states can make those subsidy payments themselves, encouraging "insurers to stay on the exchanges rather than rushing to the exits," then sue the Department of Health and Human Services for reimbursement. The states are likely to win such a suit, as "the Supreme Court has interpreted similar statutory language to require the federal government to make payments even in the absence of a congressional appropriation."

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Ed Kilgore writes in the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (10/17, 519K) that "only legislation can bring back the payments that offset insurers' obligation under the Affordable Care Act to ensure that low-income consumers can buy an individual health-insurance policy without ruinous out-of-pocket expenses." While Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray's (D-WA) proposals had long included continuing cost-sharing reduction payments, their "negotiations were made both more urgent and more politically complicated last week when the president abruptly announced that he was canceling the payment" of the CSR reimbursements. Kilgore adds that the "main problem with this I-broke-it-so-Congress-can-fix-it approach is timing" because rates for 2018 have already been set and the "damage may already be done."

The Tulsa (OK) World (10/17, 320K) editorializes that President Trump's "most controversial move" to "halt federal payments for cost-sharing reductions that help millions of lower-income Americans afford coverage" has caused "concern for the viability of the 'Obamacare' marketplaces." The editorial adds that President Trump "owns the political consequences" of the decision. The World concludes that "if the cost of that insurance skyrockets and the availability disappears because of Trump's actions, the president will have a hard time blaming the implosion of Obamacare on Obama."

Opioid News:

REP. MARINO WITHDRAWS FROM CONSIDERATION FOR DRUG CZAR POSITION AFTER CRITICISM. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 4, 0:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported, "President Trump says his nominee to be the next US drug czar is withdrawing from consideration for the job."

The CBS Evening News (10/17, lead story, 1:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported that "Congressman Tom Marino [R-PA] withdrew under pressure today as President Trump's nominee to be drug czar" following a television report revealing his "role in legislation that makes it easier for drug companies to distribute opioids in the midst of an epidemic that's claiming thousands of lives."

The New York Times (10/18, A19, Baker, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "The collapse of Mr. Marino's nomination highlighted the Trump administration's troubles formulating a response to a crisis that the president has called unlike any" other in the history of the US.

The Washington Post (10/17, Gearan, Bernstein, Higham, O'Keefe, 10.38M) reports Trump announced the withdrawal of Rep. Tom Marino's nomination as the head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The article points out that the announcement follows a Washington Post/"60 Minutes" investigation that found Marino had "helped steer legislation in Congress making it harder for the Drug Enforcement Administration to act against giant drug companies." The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Lauter, 4.49M) reports Trump said that "we're going to be looking into" Marino's actions.

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Reuters (10/17, Lynch, Brice) reports that "the legislation championed by Marino...was the product of a drug industry quest to weaken the US Drug Enforcement Administration's authority to stem the flow of painkillers to the black market." The article reports that "the law made it almost impossible for the DEA to freeze suspicious shipments of narcotics to prevent them from reaching the street."

The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports after the investigation's findings were released, many members of Congress called for his nomination to be withdrawn and praised the President after he made the announcement. The AP (10/17, Superville, Daly) reports Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) said that she will introduce legislation to repeal the law. The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Whelan, 1.71M) reports Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) are leading an effort to repeal the bill in the House. Fitzpatrick said in a press release, "This legislation is about righting a wrong and upholding our commitment to keep our constituents safe."

The Hill (10/17, Savransky, Roubein, 1.68M) points out that several agencies that "play a role in the federal response to the opioid epidemic" lack Senate-confirmed leaders, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the DEA.

Also covering the story are Politico (10/17, Ehley, 3.6M), the Washington Examiner (10/17, Giaritelli, 465K), the ABC News (10/17, Stracqualursi, 2.83M) website, CNN (10/17, Vazquez, 33.59M), Bloomberg News (10/17, Olorunnipa, 4.52M), NPR (10/17, Chappell, 2.4M), The Atlantic (10/16, Berman, 1.64M), the New York Daily News (10/17, Silverstein, 3.61M), and the Allentown (PA) Morning Call (10/17, Olson, 312K).

Columnist: Withdrawal Of Marino Nomination Is Another Obstacle To Addressing The Opioid Crisis. Dan Janison writes in his column in Newsday (NY) (10/17, Janison, 1.64M) that the White House is facing "hurdles on the path to solutions" for the opioid crisis. Janison argues that the controversy surrounding Marino's nomination to head the DEA is one of those obstacles for the Trump Administration.

Commentaries Address Opioid Crisis, Marino's Withdrawal. A USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) editorial is critical of the President's delay in addressing the opioid epidemic, saying he said "he would declare the emergency" over the summer, "but didn't follow through." USA Today says both Congress and the President need to do more, and in the wake of Rep. Tom Marino's withdrawal Tuesday as Trump's nominee to lead the ONDCP, the editorial urges Trump to nominate "a public health expert, not a politician."

John M. Gray, president and CEO of the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, argues in USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) that the 2016 law which prompted Marino's withdrawal, known as the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act, was "a bipartisan, commonsense step forward to improve enforcement efforts and combat the opioid epidemic." He notes that it went into effect in April 2016, "well after the opioid epidemic took hold. Based on this timeline, the law

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had no bearing on any enforcement slowdown that occurred in prior years, as alleged by the reporting."

TRUMP SAYS HE'LL FORMALLY DECLARE NATIONAL EMERGENCY TO COMBAT OPIOID EPIDEMIC NEXT WEEK. USA Today (10/17, Korte, 8.62M) reports that after first promising "to declare a national emergency to confront the epidemic 68 days ago," President Trump "now says he'll formally declare that emergency next week, a two-month delay that he said underscores the 'time-consuming work' behind his administration's response to the crisis." Neither the White House nor the President "would explain what's holding up the proclamation, though Trump suggested that he's wading through uncharted waters."

DOJ TO CONSIDER REPEAL OF LAW BLOCKING DEA FROM HALTING OPIOID SHIPMENTS. USA Today (10/17, Johnson, 8.62M) reports the Justice Department is weighing whether to seek a repeal of the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act, legislation passed in 2016 "that ultimately undermined law enforcement's ability to stop suspicious shipments of opioids that have been driving surges in overdose deaths across the country." That review follows "a joint investigation by The Washington Post and 60 Minutes" which found "that the federal Drug Enforcement Administration was essentially handcuffed by the law pushed by Rep. Tom Marino," President Trump's nominee to oversee national drug policy who has withdrawn his name from consideration in the wake of the investigation. Also reporting on the calls for review and repeal of the law are the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Bennett, Bierman, 4.49M), the Washington Times (10/17, Noble, 541K), and The Hill (10/17, Roubein, 1.68M).

INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED FENTANYL SHIPPING OPERATION LEADS TO MULTIPLE INDICTMENTS. The Oregonian (10/17, Bernstein, 878K) reports 38-year-old Jian Zhang has been "accused of shipping fentanyl from China into the United States, deliveries that resulted in multiple drug overdoses across the country, including four in Oregon in 2015." Along with Zhang, 20 other "people from China, Canada and the United States have been indicted" in connection with an alleged drug trafficking scheme that has been dubbed "Operation Denial." Members of the Portland High Intensity Drug Trafficking Interdiction Task Force have worked on the effort to bust the operation. The Oregonian mentions that DHS was involved in the investigation. The task force is not mentioned by NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 5, 1:40, Holt, 16.61M), the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/17, 831K), and the NPR (10/17, Lucas, 2.4M) website, which also highlight the indictment of Zhang and Xiaobing Yan, who are both Chinese nationals. NPR also mentions that HSI was involved in the investigation. NPR quotes Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein as saying, "For the first time, we have indicted major Chinese fentanyl traffickers who have been using the Internet to sell fentanyl and fentanyl analogues to drug traffickers and individual customers in the United States."

OPIOID CRISIS CAUSING INCREASE IN HEPATITIS C CASES. The Washington Post (10/17, Zezima, 10.38M) reports that "the rampant spread of hepatitis C" is another consequence of the national opioid crisis. The article reports that new cases of the disease "have nearly tripled nationwide in just a few years, driven largely by the use of needles among drug users in their 20s and 30s."

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HOSPITALS MOVE FORWARD ON OPIOID RESPONSE STRATEGIES DESPITE LACK OF FEDERAL FUNDING. Ahead of President Trump's expected announcement declaring the opioid epidemic a national emergency, Modern Healthcare (10/17, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports on the need for federal funding to address the issue, and how hospitals and health systems "say they're moving forward on strategies they have developed to respond to the crisis" even without that funding. One example cited in the article is Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, "a mental health and substance abuse treatment provider affiliated with Edward-Elmhurst Health system in the Chicago suburbs." According to Modern Healthcare, "Linden Oaks has deployed continuing education for clinicians to improve their prescribing habits," and "has also altered its electronic medical record system to automatically prescribe naloxone when patients are over a certain high-dose threshold on their opioid prescriptions. Clinicians can also look up information from the state's prescription drug-monitoring program within the EHR itself rather than having to go to an outside system."

PHRMA CALLS FOR REPEAL OF LAW LIMITING DEA'S OPIOID-RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. The Hill (10/17, Delk, 1.68M) reports in its "Briefing Room" blog that the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) called Tuesday for the repeal of the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2016, which "has come under renewed scrutiny after a new joint report from the Washington Post and '60 Minutes' that pointed to the law as undercutting the Drug Enforcement Administration's ability to crackdown on the flow of the drugs into the market." In addition, PhRMA "urged Congress to reconsider the penalties for DEA-registered drug distributors who fail to ensure the safety of opioid distribution by reporting suspicious purchases of the drugs."

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS SEEK ALTERNATIVE PAIN TREATMENTS IN RESPONSE TO OPIOID EPIDEMIC. U.S. News &World Report (10/17, 1.73M) reports healthcare providers are responding to the nation's opioid epidemic, and the related rise in drug overdose deaths, by "aggressively turning to new approaches" for treating patients with chronic pain. "Emerging trends focus on improving physical and emotional health and counseling patients to realize their own role in relieving their pain, says Bhiken Naik, an anesthesiology and neurosurgery professor at the University of Virginia Health System," and the article notes that "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines published in 2016 recommend that physicians turn to cognitive behavioral therapy, exercise and patient education," along with alternative medications, before resorting to opioids. In line with that "growing focus on the possibility of a psychological component to pain that needs attention," the University of Virginia and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center "are both expanding their Enhanced Recovery After Surgery programs to treat surgery pain using as little opioid medication as possible."

BEAVER COUNTY BECOMES THIRD IN PENNSYLVANIA TO SUE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES OVER OPIOID CRISIS. The AP (10/17) reports that Beaver County has become the third Pennsylvania county "to sue pharmaceutical companies for allegedly contributing to an opioid addiction crisis that has resulted in thousands of overdoses nationally in recent years." The county's lawsuit "against 14 drug companies and several doctors the county claims have contributed to 279 overdose deaths there since 2012" was announced on Oct. 16 by attorney Bob Peirce, Jr.

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Healthcare News:

UNITEDHEALTH POSTS HIGHER Q3 EARNINGS, BEATS ANALYSTS' EXPECTATIONS. The AP (10/17, Murphy) reports that on Tuesday, UnitedHealth Group posted a 26-percent increase in third-quarter earnings, beating Wall Street expectations. The largest insurer in the US "also raised its forecast for 2017 again, and signaled that it expects more growth next year." As a result, the company's shares "shot up past $200 to reach another all-time high after markets opened." Data show UnitedHealth added almost "1 million more customers compared to last year's quarter, largely due to growth in its Medicare and retirement business."

The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Prang, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that UnitedHealth said it earned $2.6 billion, or $2.66 per share for the third quarter, compared to $2.1 billion a year ago. The company anticipates total earnings of about $10 per share for this year. It raised its forecast from $9.75 to $9.90 per share from the previous quarter.

Reuters (10/17, Humer) reports that UnitedHealth expects earnings to grow by "13 to 16 percent in 2018 as medical costs remain low, even as it adjusts to new healthcare rules that U.S. President Donald Trump has promised to put in place." The article says UnitedHealth is considered "the bellwether for the industry," and its gains on Tuesday also benefited companies "such as Anthem Inc, Aetna Inc, and Cigna Corp." The piece adds that UnitedHealth has largely exited ACA exchanges, and CEO Dave Wichmann "said the company only had about 30,000 customers receiving subsidies in four states, and that any impact" from Trump's plans to end subsidy payments "would be 'extremely small.'"

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (10/17, Snowbeck, 1.27M) reports that UnitedHealth's shares rose by five percent during trading on Tuesday. The company intends to "continue to focus investments going forward on its fast-growing Optum division for health services, including pharmaceutical benefits management, non-hospital health care and technology," according to Wichmann.

Bloomberg News (10/16, Tracer, 4.52M) also covers the story.

COLUMNIST WARNS FEDERAL RETIREE HEALTH PREMIUMS COULD INCREASE MARKEDLY IF HOUSE BUDGET PROPOSAL BECOMES LAW. Columnist Joe Davidson writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "PowerPost" blog that along "with President Trump's earlier budget plan, which would slice and dice federal retirement, Capitol Hill and the White House have mounted a multi-front assault on federal worker compensation." He warns that if the Budget Resolution put forward by the House "becomes law, federal retiree health insurance premiums could rise significantly over time because growth in the government's subsidy would be limited to the increase in inflation."

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WISCONSIN BILL WOULD PROHIBIT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EMPLOYEES FROM WORKING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD. The AP (10/17) reports the Wisconsin state Senate's health committee is expected to hold a public hearing on a bill that would prohibit University of Wisconsin employees from "from performing abortions or providing training at facilities where abortions are performed, other than hospitals." The bill "targets an arrangement between Planned Parenthood and UW in which faculty members work part-time at the organization's Madison clinic."

ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION JOINS COALITION TO SUPPORT LIMITS ON PAYOUTS FOR LAWSUITS. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette (10/17, Moritz, 319K) reports multiple Arkansas business groups on Monday announced they will join a coalition to raise funding for and support a proposed state constitutional amendment to limit some kinds of payouts in lawsuits. State legislators "voted in the spring to have such rules put before voters as a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution," and the proposal will be decided by constituents in the November 2018 general election. The coalition, Arkansans for Jobs and Justice, is supported by the Arkansas Health Care Association among other groups.

PENNSYLVANIA REGULATORS ISSUE MORE NURSING HOME CITATIONS BUT UNDERSTATE INCIDENTS' SEVERITY, EXPERTS SAY. The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (10/17, Simmons-Ritchie, 553K) says that after investigative reports showed Pennsylvania regulators have neglected "to properly cite and penalize nursing homes for serious failures," the state Department of Health "appears to be taking a tougher line on nursing homes," with the department issuing twice as many immediate jeopardy citations against homes as those over the past three years combined. Advocates for elder care "confirmed that the department appeared to have gotten tougher on bad homes," but some "said... the department was either still understating the severity of nursing home incidents or their inspectors were failing to uncover incidents to begin with."

Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness:

VULNERABLE ELDERLY INCREASINGLY BECOMING VICTIMS OF EMERGENCIES, DISASTERS. CNN (10/17, Nedelman, 33.59M) reports California wildfires and Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico hurricanes "have put a spotlight on vulnerable seniors – including a number of deaths that authorities have said were preventable." The article discusses the impact of each event on older adults in the affected communities, noting many experts "continue to grapple with how best to protect the elderly, who face difficulties evacuating from disasters, more health issues on average and perhaps even a greater share of the psychological impact." Concerning the deaths of 14 residents of the Florida nursing home at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, the article says the Florida Health Care Association "instructed each facility to prepare seven to 10 days of medication, oxygen and other medical necessities for each resident, according to spokesperson Kristen Knapp."

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Nutrition &Obesity:

GOOGLE MAPS PULLS EXPERIMENTAL "CALORIE COUNTING" FEATURE FROM APP AFTER CRITICISM. The New York Times (10/17, Victor, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports Google Maps pulled an experimental "calorie-counting" feature, which showed how many calories someone could burn by walking to a certain destination. Some criticized the feature as being insulting for suggesting that people needed exercise, while others said the feature was dangerous for people with eating disorders.

Medicare:

EXPANDED MEDICARE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS GIVE SENIORS MORE TO SORT OUT. The Palm Beach (FL) Post (10/17, Elmore, 273K) reports, "Hundreds of Palm Beach County residents are calling advisors daily for help to sort out expanded options" for Medicare. "We definitely have more interest this year than last year," said Desirae Mearns, lead project director for Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE), adding that seniors in Palm Beach County have 46 plan options in 2018 compared to 43 last year.

OPINION: CMS PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT RURAL PHYSICIANS FROM MIPS WILL DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. Caravan Health CEO Lynn Barr writes in an op-ed for The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' "proposed rule to exempt two-thirds of the nation's clinicians from the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS) will do more harm than good" and furthermore would "disable the infrastructure of electronic health records (EHRs) that has been subsidized with $37 billion taxpayer dollars." Rural clinicians are exempt from quality reporting and "have provided lower quality care," Barr writes, adding that CMS' proposal to exclude reporting for pneumococcal and influenza vaccines – two particularly "important quality measures" – is shortsighted. "Our data clearly shows that more vaccines means fewer patients going to the hospital and fewer pneumonia-related deaths," particularly for seniors.

Medicaid &CHIP:

"BICKERING" OVER CHIP, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS REPORTEDLY HARMING NATION'S HEALTHCARE. Paige Winfield Cunningham writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "The Health 202" about the ongoing discussions between Democrats and Republicans over how to pay "for states to keep running the Children's Health Insurance Program and for community health centers to care for low-income people," and for how long to extend the funding. Cunningham is critical of lawmakers for their "bickering," arguing that "if Congress were serious about funding the two programs without causing crippling uncertainty for states and providers, it could have tackled the issue months ago." She also criticizes President Trump for "signing an executive order that many health-care experts warned could destabilize the marketplace even further by allowing individuals and small-business employees to buy narrower coverage through trade associations."

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ARKANSAS GOVERNOR SAYS INSURANCE RATE HIKES WILL NOT THREATEN STATE MEDICAID EXPANSION. The AP (10/17, DeMillo) reports Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) said Tuesday that the 14.2 percent to 25 percent insurance rate hike approved by state regulators after President Trump ended cost-sharing reduction payments will not imperil the state's hybrid Medicaid expansion. "Under Arkansas' hybrid expansion program, Medicaid funds are used to purchase private plans for low-income residents through the insurance marketplace," the AP explains. State Democrats, however, "accused Hutchinson of glossing over the effect Trump's action will have."

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS SAY PROPOSED MEDICAID CUTS "DEVASTATING" FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE. MLive (MI) (10/17, Slagter, 947K) reports on a panel of Democratic state and local officials that convened to discuss "the best way to push back against the president's proposed $700 billion cut to Medicaid funding in 2018." The group said the proposed Medicaid cuts would be "devastating" to senior citizens and people with disabilities and that opponents should emphasize the personal impact of the reductions.

Health &Medical News:

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES DENY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG PRICING AT SENATE HEARING. Bloomberg News (10/17, Edney, 4.52M) reports leading drug industry lobbyists at a Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing alleged pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), hospitals, and other groups are to blame for prescription medication prices. Groups testifying, including the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), continued to "say that the measures used to assess them are incorrect, and that they only get a portion of the profit their critics say they do." PBMs at the meeting, however, "pointed the finger back at pharmaceutical companies, and said the cut they take as middlemen has no connection to how drugmakers set prices."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, which represents PBMs, refuted PhRMA's claims that PBMs and insurers focus "on list prices, which are not reflective of actual spending trends." The article notes Congress has passed bills intended to speed up generic approval at the FDA, and that Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) at the hearing questioned why drug prices are so high and "pointed out that taxpayers pay for research at the National Institutes of Health, and U.S. customers pay higher prices for the finished product."

SENATOR QUESTIONS PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ABOUT DOING AWAY WITH REBATES. STAT (10/17, Swetlitz, 43K) reports that Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) "asked a panel of pharmaceutical industry representatives at a Senate committee hearing" about whether drugmakers and pharmacy benefit managers would be willing to do away with rebates. "Why don't we just get rid of rebates and let you negotiate directly with manufactures, take that $100 billion a year, and just reduce the list price? Wouldn't it be simpler for us to understand where the money goes?" Alexander asked Mark Merritt, president and chief executive officer of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association. Industry representatives said they would be

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willing to consider the proposal, although they expressed doubt about the feasibility of enacting such a reform.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED TROOPS ALLEGE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES "KNOWINGLY FINANCED" ANTI-AMERICAN MILITIA IN IRAQ. USA Today (10/17, Madhani, 8.62M) reports a group of families of "dozens of U.S. troops killed or injured" during the Iraq war filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday "against several U.S. and European pharmaceutical and medical supply companies, alleging that the corporations knowingly financed the anti-American militia Mahdi Army through bribes and kickbacks to officials at a government ministry controlled by the group." The lawsuit names "some of the biggest names in the industry – including GE Healthcare, Johnson &Johnson, Pfizer, AstraZeneca and Roche," and alleges they often paid kickbacks to officials in the Iraqi Ministry of Health, who "in turn used the proceeds to help fund the militia that carried out attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq."

MASSACHUSETTS SENATE CONSIDERS BILL TO REQUIRE DATA SUBMISSIONS FROM DRUG COMPANIES. The Boston Globe (10/17, McCluskey, 969K) reports Massachusetts Senate legislators on Tuesday revealed "sweeping health care legislation" addressing issues such as prescription treatment costs and hospital prices, which "proponents say will improve the state's health care system and curb medical spending." The new bill would mandate that "drug companies for the first time to submit data to the state Health Policy Commission and be scrutinized by the watchdog agency," and "sets a target for controlling commercial spending on hospital care by slowing the rate of price growth at the most expensive hospitals."

APPEALS COURT VACATES VERDICT IN TALCUM POWDER CANCER CASE. Bloomberg News (10/17, Fisk, 4.52M) reports a Missouri appeals court has vacated the $72 million verdict in Fox v. Johnson &Johnson, ruling the case shouldn't have been tried in St. Louis. "The verdict to the family of Jacqueline Fox, who died in 2015, was the first of a series of jury awards in the St. Louis court," where juries "have awarded a total of $300 million in verdicts" related to claims that Johnson &Johnson's talc products cause ovarian cancer. According to the AP (10/17, Stafford), "the appeals court cited a Supreme Court ruling in June that placed limits on where injury lawsuits could be filed, saying state courts cannot hear claims against companies not based in the state where alleged injuries occurred." In response, "Jim Onder, who is representing many plaintiffs in the lawsuits, has argued that Missouri is a proper jurisdiction because Johnson &Johnson packages and labels some products in Missouri." Also reporting are Reuters (10/17, Raymond), the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/17, Currier, 831K), and Fierce Pharma (10/17, Sagonowsky).

GENE TUMOR BOARDS INCREASINGLY PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON CANCER CARE. The AP (10/18, Marchione) reports that patients with cancer are increasingly "having their care guided by gene tumor boards," panels of experts that study "the patient's cancer genes and match treatments to mutations that seem to drive the disease." The gene tumor boards aim for "precision medicine, the right drug for the right person at the right time, guided by genes." The AP adds that "Some doctors worry that tumor boards' recommending off-label treatments diverts patients from research that would benefit all cancer patients," and mentions that the "American Society of Clinical Oncology's TAPUR study tests off-label drugs and shares results with their makers and federal regulators."

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MOUSE STUDY FINDS LINK BETWEEN STRESS AND DIGESTION IN FEMALE MICE. The New York Post (10/17, Steussy, 4.31M) reports new research published in Nature's Scientific Reports suggests stress may have the same effect on human digestion as a fattening diet. Researchers at Brigham Young University conducted the mouse study, which looked at the mice's gut microbiota; they found that the gut microbiome of female mice subjected to stress tests "actually changed to resemble that of an obese mouse," which "suggests that stress might impact metabolism just as much as diet, the researchers wrote." Male rats, however, "didn't have the same microbiome shift, but they did become more anxious and less physically active."

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOV. REMOVES MEMBER FROM CANCER CLUSTER PANEL. The AP (10/17) reports New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu said Tuesday he's removed Steve Kenda, a past Republican candidate for state Senate and governor, from the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Commission over an op-ed piece written by Kenda denying the existence of a cancer cluster. According to the AP, Sununu "said Kenda's participation has become too much of a distraction" from the purpose of the 21-member commission, which has for several years "been investigating a greater-than-expected number of cases of two types of rare childhood cancers in the seacoast region: rhabdomyosarcoma and pleuropulmonary blastoma."

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN EDITORS VOICE SUPPORT FOR COSMETICS SAFETY BILL. In an article for the November 2017 issue, the editors of Scientific American (10/17, 878K) express support for the Personal Care Products Safety Act, which Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Susan Collins reintroduced in Congress last May. "The bill would require, among other things, that all cosmetics makers pay annual fees to the agency to help finance new safety studies and enforcement – totaling approximately $20 million a year," which the FDA would use to "assess the safety of at least five cosmetics chemicals a year." The legislation "also gives the agency the authority to pull products off the shelves immediately when customers have reported bad reactions, without waiting for a review that can take multiple years." The editors highlight the importance of the bill, and the issues it addresses, in light of a petition filed earlier this year that called on the FDA to ban lead acetate from hair dyes.

TRANSENTERIX CEO SAYS SENHANCE WON'T COMPETE DIRECTLY WITH INTUITIVE SURGICAL'S DA VINCI. Reuters (10/17, Banerjee) reports Transenterix CEO Todd Pope on Tuesday "played down...the threat posed by his company's surgical robotic system," called Senhance, "to market leader Intuitive Surgical Inc, saying he did not expect the two to compete head on." Transenterix's share price surged – and Intuitive Surgical's fell – at the end of last week after the US Food and Drug Administration cleared Senhance for use, but "Pope said Senhance had a lot of ground to cover before it might have to compete directly with Intuitive's Da Vinci device, which has dominated robotic surgery purchasing since it was approved in 2000."

JOHNSON &JOHNSON'S ANIMAS CLOSURE, CESSATION OF INSULIN PRODUCTION ARE REFLECTIVE OF BROADER HEALTHCARE ISSUES. The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Lazarus, 4.49M) discusses the recent announcement from Johnson &Johnson saying the company is closing its Animas subsidiary and ceasing its production of insulin pumps, which creates new challenges from J&J customers that the Times says "mirror problems all too common in the healthcare industry – the turmoil that can arise when a medical-device or drugmaker halts sales, or when an insurer decides to no longer cover a specific pill, gadget or treatment." The article examines how such problems can affect healthcare customers and offers insight on how to

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proceed.

DC COUNCIL DISAPPROVES OF EXTENDING CONTRACT TO MANAGE CITY'S ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL. The Washington Post (10/17, Itkowitz, 10.38M) reports six members of the Washington, DC council "expressed disapproval" of the request by Veritas of Washington LLC to renew its $4.2 million consulting contract to manage the United Medical Center, which is "the city's only public hospital." The firm was hired last year "to stabilize the only full-service hospital east of the Anacostia River," but has shown "little progress in improving the hospital's finances or quality of care." The Post adds the company is "led by campaign donors to D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D)." Because of the disapproval, the council will have 45 days instead of 10 to review the contract.

PEOPLE WITH ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EVENTS FOUND MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER HEALTH PROBLEMS AS ADULTS. The Denver Post (10/17, Baumann, 817K) reports on a study from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the University of Denver finding that "children who grow up in a dysfunctional or abusive home are more likely to develop depression and cancer as adults, and they're more likely to one day have children with health issues as well." The study was based on a survey of 3,677 Colorado residents 18 and over, and "measured adverse childhood experiences, which are events that range from physical, sexual or emotional abuse and different types of household dysfunctions such as family member incarceration." Overall, those who reported one such incident "were twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression, and those with four or more incidents were nearly twice as likely to suffer from cancer and almost six times more likely to experience depression." Their children also "were two to five times as likely to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder."

SECOND TB CASE REPORTED IN DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. The Durham (NC) Herald Sun (10/17, Johnson, 66K) reports on a second tuberculosis case in Durham County, North Carolina, explaining that "a student at Northern High School is being treated," as is a student at UNC Chapel Hill. Both "are being treated at home and will remain off campus until the threat of spreading the disease is over." The county health department will conduct "TB blood tests on people who were exposed at Northern." The Herald Sun adds, "Durham County reported 11 cases of active tuberculosis in 2016."

VA FACILITY IN OMAHA MAINTAINED SECRET WAITING LIST OF VETERANS SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS. The AP (10/17) reports the Department of Veterans Affairs' Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System "maintained an unauthorized, secret waiting list of veterans for some Omaha mental health appointments, according to US Department of Veterans Affairs documents." The article points out that "the VA set up strict requirements for establishing waiting lists following a 2014 scandal that showed VA employees were covering up chronic delays with false paperwork and secret lists," and that the facility in Omaha was not on a list of 40 facilities that reportedly still had secret lists in 2016. VA officials declined to comment on how many employees were involved in maintaining the list or how many veterans were affected.

HEPATITIS A DEATHS NOW UP TO 19 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. The San Diego Union-Tribune (10/17, Sisson, 668K) reports there have now been 19 deaths and 507 confirmed cases in the ongoing hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego County, CA. Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county's

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public health officer, said that the county is also investigating another 47 potential cases.

RESEARCHERS TRYING TO IDENTIFY EARLY SIGNS OF BRAIN DAMAGE IN PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS. STAT (10/17, Robbins, 43K) reports researchers have found that "active fighters," boxers and mixed martial arts fighters, have "higher levels of two brain proteins, called neurofilament light and tau, compared to retired fighters or non-fighters," and that "fighters with greater exposure to repetitive head trauma have lower brain volumes." The findings are part of an ongoing study, and "researchers have enrolled close to 700 mixed martial arts fighters and boxers, both active and retired, in the past six years." The investigators are seeking "to identify early signs of trauma-induced brain damage from subtle changes in blood chemistry, brain imaging, and performance tests," which "may show up decades before visible symptoms such as cognitive impairment, depression, and impulsive behavior."

US DISTRICT JUDGE ORDERS FLINT TO PICK A LONG-TERM WATER SOURCE. The Detroit Free Press (10/17, Matheny, 1.07M) reports US District Judge David M. Lawson issued a summary judgment ordering Flint to select a long-term water source. The ruling "comes after Flint's City Council has balked for months at entering into a long-term deal for water supplies from the city of Detroit via the regional Great Lakes Water Authority."

RESEARCHERS IDENTIFY FOUR GENES IN HUMANS, DOGS, AND MICE THAT MAY BE LINKED TO OCD. The NPR (10/17, Chen, 2.4M) "Shots" blog reports that researchers identified "four genes with the strongest links to OCD to date." The researchers compared the DNA of dogs and mice with compulsive tendencies to the DNA of people with and without OCD. The findings were published online Oct. 17 in Nature Communications.

Newsweek (10/17, Firger, 991K) reports that the study "may help scientists develop more precise and effective treatments for the psychiatric condition."

EXCESSIVE EXERCISE MAY BE LINKED TO HIGHER RISK OF BUILDUP OF PLAQUE IN HEART ARTERIES BY MIDDLE AGE IN CAUCASIAN MEN, STUDY SUGGESTS. The New York Daily News (10/17, Scotti, 3.61M) reports that research suggests "Caucasian men who exercise three times above the US national guidelines for working out (150 minutes per week) are 86% more likely than black men, and those who exercise less, to develop a buildup of plaque in their hearts by the time they're middle aged."

The New York Post (10/17, 4.31M) runs a SWNS article reporting that investigators "compared 25-year exercise patterns and made the surprising discovery that very active white men are 86 percent more likely to experience a buildup of plaque in the heart arteries by middle age." However, "this didn't apply to black men, they discovered." The findings were published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

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NAFLD, NONALCOHOLIC STEATOHEPATITIS THE FASTEST-GROWING REASONS FOR LIVER TRANSPLANTS IN YOUNG AMERICANS, RESEARCH INDICATES. Reuters (10/17, Crist) reports that research indicates "nonalcoholic fatty liver disease [NAFLD] and its more aggressive form, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, have become the fastest-growing reasons for liver transplants in young Americans." Investigators found that "the number of liver transplants performed for NASH increased from 0.53% in 2002 to 4.46% in 2012, a nine-fold jump." Reuters adds that "due to increasing childhood obesity, hypertension and diabetes...more young adults are reaching end-stage liver disease early in life, researchers say." The findings were published online in Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology.

IMPAX LABORATORIES INKS DEAL TO MERGE WITH AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Rockoff, Cimilluca, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports Impax Laboratories and Amneal Pharmaceuticals recently agreed to merge in a deal that would establish the US' fifth-largest generic medication producing company in terms of revenue. They said on Tuesday that the all-stock transaction would grant Impax shareholders 25 percent of a new company, while owners of Amneal would take the remainder. The new group will be called Amneal Pharmaceuticals and is expected to be worth as much as $6.4 billion.

Reuters (10/17) reports Cantor Fitzgerald analysts wrote in a client note on the deal that the merger increases chances for Impax to grow from a mid-size drug maker to a leading generics and specialty medication company. The article says the combined company will produce "a diverse pipeline with more than 300 products either filed with the FDA or in active stages of development, Cantor analysts said."

The San Francisco Business Times (10/17, Leuty, Subscription Publication, 904K) reports Impax ran "into a string of issues in recent years" while attempting to diversify beyond generic treatments, with FDA inspections exposing "problems a couple years ago" at a California facility.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Loyd, 1.71M) and Fierce Pharma (10/17, Helfand) also report.

COLUMN: ALLERGAN RESTASIS CASE EXEMPLIFIES HOW COMPANIES MANIPULATE PATENT SYSTEM. Bloomberg View (10/17, 4.52M) columnist Joe Nocera offers commentary on Allergan's attempts to transfer its Restasis patents to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe --"a now-infamous patent ploy" – positing that the legal maneuvering represents "trickery" undertaken by many companies in the industry "to keep generics off the market." According to Nocera, the "primary way" branded drug makers prevent generic competition "is by abusing the patent system." He adds that a federal judge who ruled the Allergan patents are invalid simply "called Allergan out on" its "scam." Nocera mentions Allergan issued a number of "citizen's petitions" to the FDA and sued compounding company Imprimis on allegations that it violated FDA regulations.

TROY UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS DEVELOPING ANTI-DEPRESSANTS THROUGH ZEBRAFISH STUDIES. The New York Daily News (10/17, Scotti, 3.61M) reports researchers at Troy University in Alabama are using zebrafish to develop anti-depressant treatments for humans

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because fish reportedly are “a reliable animal to use in identifying depression.” According to one university researcher, the “neurochemistry (between fish and people) is so similar that it’s scary.” The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that nearly “16 million people had at least one major depressive episode in 2012.”

DISTRICT JUDGE INVALIDATES ALLERGAN’S RESTASIS PATENTS. Reuters (10/17, Wolfe) reports US district judge William Bryson on Monday ruled against Allergan’s patents for its dry-eye treatment Restasis, which the company transferred to New York state’s Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe last month on claims that the tribe’s status as a sovereign nation would prevent the patents from being reviewed by the US patent office. Bryson invalidated the patents for the $1.5 billion treatment, calling it an attempt by Allergan to “rent” the tribe’s sovereign immunity. Allergan, however, said the move was justified because the same patents were already under review in federal court, while critics “said it was a cynical attempt to prolong the company’s monopoly on Restasis.”

DISTRICT JUDGE REFUSES PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES’ REQUEST TO BLOCK NEVADA DRUG PRICING LAW. The Las Vegas Review-Journal (10/17, Bekker, 458K) reports that on Tuesday, US District Judge James Mahan refused a request by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and the Biotechnology Innovation Organization “to immediately block a Nevada law requiring them to detail diabetes drug prices and disclose manufacturing costs and research investments come July.” Mahan said he did not find “immediate and irreparable harm” in the case because of the law’s timeline. The companies allege in the lawsuit that the law violates federal patent and industry trade secret rules.

EXPERTS CONSIDER WHETHER IGNYTA PHARMACEUTICALS’ CANCER TREATMENT CAN BE COMPARED TO PFIZER’S. Forbes (10/17, 5.11M) contributor Matthew Herper considers Ignyta Pharmaceuticals’ cancer treatment entrectinib that shrank one patient’s tumors and “has kept them in check for more than a year,” and, according to research presented at the World Conference on Lung Cancer, “shrank tumors in 79% of patients and kept working for a median 28.6 months, about 10 months longer than the current drug, Pfizer’s Xalkori, did in separate clinical trials.” Herper writes that nonetheless, the study “raises questions about whether it’s possible to compare similar cancer medicines, and whether it’s possible to keep innovating after a few gene-targeted drugs have been invented.”

STUDY REVEALS ASSOCIATION BETWEEN DEPRESSION, SAGGING TESTOSTERONE LEVELS IN NEW FATHERS. In “Well,” the New York Times (10/17, Quenqua, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports research indicates that postpartum depression “may occur in from 7 percent to 10 percent of new fathers, compared to about 12 percent of new mothers, and that depressed dads were more likely to spank their children and less likely to read to them.” Now, research published in the September issue of the journal Hormones and Behavior “has found a link between depression and sagging testosterone levels in new dads, adding physiological weight to the argument that postpartum depression isn’t just for women anymore.” In addition, the study revealed that “while high testosterone levels in new dads helped protect against depression in fathers, it correlated with an increased risk of depression in new moms.” The study abstract points out some 149 couples took part in the study.

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MEN WHO RECEIVE BLOOD DONATED BY PREVIOUSLY PREGNANT WOMEN MAY FACE INCREASED RISK OF DEATH FOLLOWING THE TRANSFUSION, STUDY INDICATES. STAT (10/17, Begley, 43K) reports, "Men who received a blood transfusion from a woman who had ever been pregnant had a higher risk of dying prematurely than men who got blood from a man or a never-pregnant woman," researchers reported.

HealthDay (10/17, Thompson, 11K) reports researchers arrived at that conclusion after examining data on some 31,000 patients in Holland who "received 59,320 transfusions in all from one of three types of donors – men, never-pregnant women and women who'd been pregnant." Notably, "after receiving a single transfusion, the three-year death rate among men was 13.5 percent for those who received male blood, 13.1 percent for those who got never-pregnant female blood, and nearly 17 percent for those who received blood from a previously pregnant female." The findings were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Reuters (10/17, Rapaport) and Scientific American (10/17, Weintraub, 878K) also cover the story.

PHYSICIAN WARNS OF DANGERS OF ONLINE COMPANIES SELLING DESIGNER SUBSTANCES. In STAT (10/17, 43K) "First Opinion," Abraham Nussbaum, MD, chief education officer at Denver Health, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, writes about the dangers of online companies "selling compounds that have never been approved for human use but that are so similar to existing drugs they attract users...seeking an alternative to" physicians and dealers. Ostensibly these "designer" substances are sold for the purposes of "research." Dr. Nussbaum believes such companies "sideline the doctor, the pharmaceutical industry, and its regulators from the patient-physician relationship" and pose a danger to people buying substances from them.

OVERSIZED EYEDROPS WASTE PATIENT'S MONEY AND MEDICINE BY DESIGN. NPR (10/18, Allen, 2.4M) reports on its "Shots" page that ProPublica has found that pharmaceutical companies make eyedrops that overflow your eyes by design. The article says that for at least twenty-five years, those in the "eye care industry," including doctors, pharmaceutical officials, and researchers, have known "that eyedrops are much larger than the eye can hold." The article tells the story of a project in the early 1990s as Alcon where the team created a "microdrop" that would reduce waste but still maintain effectiveness. The product was "killed" because of the cost of getting FDA approval and the risk that it would lead to decreased sales. NPR also reports of similar research on the efficacy of smaller eyedrops that was funded by Allergan, yet Allergan does not make eyedrops in smaller sizes to date.

MORE HOSPITALS INVESTING IN HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS TO REDUCE ER VISITS. Kaiser Health News (10/18, Bartolone) reports on a "growing number of hospitals nationwide" that have "invested in housing programs in recent years, from Florida to Chicago and farther west," with the goal of ending the cycle of emergency room use by homeless people by providing them housing along with a case worker. Rand Corp. researcher Sarah Hunter says, "There's pretty good evidence that it's more cost-effective to provide housing with supports than have these people live on the streets and just cycle in and out of emergency rooms and in-patient stays." The piece reports that the nonprofit hospitals' investment in these programs helps them

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"meet their community service obligations in exchange for tax breaks."

Global Health:

CHINA CONFIRMS H5N6 BIRD FLU OUTBREAK IN CENTRAL PROVINCE. Reuters (10/17, Gu, Mason) reports China's Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that there is "an outbreak of bird flu at broiler chicken farms in" the city of Hexian in Anhui province. The outbreak in the central province has been caused by the H5N6 strain.

OP-ED: CANADA MUST PUSH FOR NATIONAL REGISTRY OF PAYMENTS FROM COMPANIES TO PHYSICIANS. Nav Persaud of Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto, Joel Lexchin of Toronto's University Health Network, and Andrew S. Boozary of the University of Toronto and the Harvard Public Health Review write in an op-ed in STAT (10/17, 43K) that Canadian province Ontario "took a historic step" by introducing legislation to increase transparency on how drug companies interact with prescribers in an effort to understand how physicians receive payments from manufacturers. The authors advocate for this on a national scale and suggest the establishment of a registry of payments similar to that which is in place in the US.

National News:

HOUSE PANEL SETS PUERTO RICO RECOVERY HEARING FOR NEXT WEEK. Reuters (10/17, Cowan) reports that a House panel said Tuesday that it has scheduled an Oct. 24 hearing "to examine Puerto Rico's hurricane recovery efforts and the role of a financial oversight board in those efforts." The House Committee on Natural Resources, which last year worked on legislation creating the board to help Puerto Rico manage its debt, will hold the hearing.

PUERTO RICAN DELEGATE: TRUMP HAS GIVEN EVERYTHING WE'VE ASKED FOR. Townhall (10/17, Vespa, 523K) reports Puerto Rico's delegate, Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, said in a recent interview with USA Today "that everything they've asked for, Trump has delivered." Gonzalez-Colon told USA Today, "I will tell you that everything that the president said that he was going to send to the island, it's getting there. The resources are there. The help is there."

DESPERATE PUERTO RICANS TURNING TO WELLS AT SUPERFUND SITE FOR WATER. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 11, 1:40, Holt, 16.61M) reported on the "deepening and dangerous water crisis" in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The EPA says "the desperate are breaking into water wells" at a Superfund site in Dorado "that may actually be contaminated." NBC's Gabe Gutierrez reported from the town that "even though there's a clearly marked danger sign, people were willing to risk it." He noted that "only 17 percent of the island has power, making it hard to pump and treat water as this crisis deepens."

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DISCUSSING OBAMA AND SLAIN SOLDIERS, TRUMP CITES DEATH OF KELLY'S SON. President Trump's Tuesday remarks – in which he invoked the death of Chief of Staff Kelly's son while defending his claim one day earlier that former President Barack Obama and other presidents didn't always call the families of slain military members – received widespread media coverage, including reports on all three major network newscasts. Coverage was largely negative, highlighting that Kelly has been reluctant to publicly speak about his son's death.

In the lead story for NBC Nightly News (10/17, lead story, 2:25, Holt, 16.61M), Peter Alexander reported that "as the body of one of the American soldiers killed in Niger this month returns home to Florida and the White House confirms President Trump spoke to all four families of the fallen, the President's taking another swing at Barack Obama on the gravest of presidential obligations." NBC played an audio clip of Trump saying in a Tuesday interview with Fox News Radio, "I think I've called every family of somebody that's died, and it's the hardest call to make. ... As far as other representatives, I don't know. You could ask General Kelly, did he get a call from Obama?" Alexander added, "The President invoking the memory of his chief of staff's son, Robert Kelly, a Marine killed in 2010."

On the CBS Evening News (10/17, story 5, 2:40, Mason, 11.17M), Margaret Brennan reported, "White House officials claim to be unaware of whether Mr. Trump had spoken to Kelly before making the remark. The retired Marine Corps general has actively avoided calling attention to his son's death, making it clear he does not want it to be exploited." Brennan added, "Today, despite the President's prodding, Kelly declined to comment. But a White House official, who requested anonymity, told CBS News, 'I can tell you Obama did not call General Kelly after the death of his son.' But White House records show that Kelly and his wife did attend a closed-door breakfast with Mr. And Mrs. Obama to honor Gold Star families a year after their son's passing."

On ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 3, 3:10, 14.63M), David Muir reported that "Kelly has indicated to the past in reporters that he did not want to talk publicly about the death of his son." ABC's Cecilia Vega added that "Kelly has repeatedly made it clear to reporters he does not want to talk about his son's death. And he would not go on the record today. But the White House tells us he never got a call from...Obama. Obama aides do not dispute that. But they do say Kelly did attend a White House breakfast for Gold Star families, where he sat at the first lady's table."

The Washington Post (10/17, Parker, 10.38M) reports, "For the past seven years...Kelly has gone out of his way to keep the death of his son free from politics." However, Trump on Tuesday "thrust [Kelly's] son into the public and political glare, invoking the younger Kelly as part of a continuing attack on...Obama." The President's "remark...was unplanned, said two White House officials, who said they were caught off-guard by Trump's comments. One said Kelly may have mentioned some details surrounding his son's death to the president in private — and the president then repeated them in public, a relatively frequent occurrence with Trump."

Similarly, under the headline "Top General's Grief Becomes Political Talking Point For Trump," the New York Times (10/17, Landler, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Trump "is testing" Kelly's "long-held reluctance to discuss his loss. Mr. Trump, in defending his handling of

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the deaths of four Green Berets in Niger, falsely claimed on Monday that...Obama did not contact the families of fallen troops. And on Tuesday, Mr. Trump brought to light that Mr. Obama never called Mr. Kelly after the death of his son." The Times adds that Kelly "has not addressed the dispute. But colleagues who worked with him at the Pentagon during that period said they did not recall him expressing unhappiness with the way Mr. Obama handled the death of his son. "

Writing for McClatchy (10/17, 67K), Kate Irby says that "Kelly had to endure every parent's worst nightmare when his son...stepped on a land mine in Afghanistan in 2010 and died. Now...Trump is calling into question whether...Obama ever called Kelly after that happened – dragging Kelly into a spat Trump started between the two presidents over whether Obama called the families of fallen soldiers."

The AP (10/17, Woodward, Lemire) similarly reports that Trump "has pulled bereaved military families into a painful political fight of his own making, going so far Tuesday as to cite the death of" Kelly's "son in Afghanistan to question whether...Obama and other presidents did enough to honor the military dead. He's boasted that 'I think I've called every family of someone who's died,' though AP found relatives of two soldiers who died overseas during Trump's presidency who said they never received a call or a letter from him. The White House said he did telephone on Tuesday the families of four soldiers who were killed in Niger nearly two weeks ago, the issue that had spawned the controversy this week."

Under the headline "After Trump Brings Chief Of Staff Into Controversy Over Condolence Calls, He Phones Families Of Killed Soldiers," the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Bierman, 4.49M) quotes White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders as saying in a Tuesday statement, "President Trump spoke to all four of the families of those who were killed in action in Niger. He offered condolences on behalf of a grateful nation and assured them their family's extraordinary sacrifice to the country will never be forgotten."

Under the headline "Twelve Days Of Silence, Then A Swipe At Obama: How Trump Handled Four Dead Soldiers," the Washington Post (10/17, Rucker, Lamothe, 10.38M) reports, "The White House did not receive detailed information from the Defense Department about the four...soldiers" – slain Oct. 4 in Niger – "until Oct. 12, and that information was not fully verified by the White House Military Office until Monday, according to a senior White House official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to comment on the internal process. At that point, the official said, Trump was cleared to reach out to the four families – both in letters that were mailed Tuesday and in personal phone calls to family members that day."

Politico (10/17, McCaskill, 3.6M) reported that Trump "has faced an onslaught of criticism – most notably from former Obama aides – since making the accusation against Obama on Monday afternoon in a Rose Garden news conference when asked about his silence regarding the death of four Green Berets related to an Oct. 4 ambush in Niger. 'The traditional way, if you look at President Obama and other presidents, most of them didn't make calls,'" Trump "alleged without evidence Monday. 'A lot of them didn't make calls. I like to call when it's appropriate, when I think I'm able to do it.'" The Hill (10/17, Greenwood, 1.68M) and the Daily Caller (10/17, Pfeiffer, 521K) also report on Trump's remarks from Tuesday and Monday.

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Regarding his comment that past presidents did not call fallen soldiers' kin, Trump on Tuesday called the story "fake news," telling Fox News (10/17, 12.87M), "I don't know what Obama's policy was. I write letters and I also call." Trump touted the support he said he was receiving in the polls in spite of negative media coverage.

During a Tuesday appearance on Fox and Friends (10/17, 8:40 a.m. EDT, 2.04M), counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway defended Trump's comment that previous presidents have not called fallen soldiers' families, saying that he was "making the point that there's many different ways to reach out" to the kin, and "not everybody calls." Conway also said, "The President made very clear...what he meant and what he is saying," adding that Trump's "focus is always on the grieving, on the families, on the loss of life, and on protecting our soldiers."

Responding to Trump's comment about past presidents calling fallen soldiers' kin, Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) told CNN's Situation Room (10/17, 5:25 p.m. EDT, 988K) that he was with Obama when the then-President was visiting families of soldiers who lost their lives in Benghazi.

Florida Democrat Criticizes Trump's "Insensitive" Remarks To Widow Of Slain Soldier. The Miami Herald (10/17, Cohen, 701K) reports, "Sgt. La David T. Johnson of Miami Gardens, the soldier and father who was killed in Niger, returned home Tuesday afternoon." He "was saluted with a ceremonial homecoming at Miami International Airport." The Herald adds that Trump "called Johnson's pregnant widow Tuesday afternoon." The President "told his widow, who was in a car heading to the airport with her family and US Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Miami Gardens, that 'he knew what he signed up for...but when it happens it hurts anyway,' according to Wilson, who heard the call on speakerphone in the car." Wilson told the Herald, "I think it's so insensitive. It's crazy. ... You don't say that to someone who lost family, the father, the breadwinner. You can say, 'I'm so sorry for your loss. He's a hero.'"

WPost's Von Drehle Questions Trump's Patriotism. In his Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) column, David Von Drehle says that Trump's "impulsive attack on his predecessors" relating to the calling of the families of slain soldiers "has raised again a question that has haunted me since his inaugural address. Is Trump patriotic?" Von Drehle adds, "Patriotism doesn't require us to praise what is not praiseworthy. Like any other American, Trump is free to criticize as he sees fit. But when an elected leader disparages, without cause, the good faith of other elected leaders, he is tearing the country down. ... I don't think we've ever been led by a person with such a low opinion of America."

TRUMP SAYS HE WAS "SURPRISED" BY THE "DISHONESTY IN THE MEDIA." Politico (10/17, Nelson, 3.6M) reported that during a Tuesday interview with radio host Chris Plante, President Trump said "that he was 'surprised' by what he perceived as the media's continued antipathy towards him after last year's election, characterizing CNN and NBC News 'a joke' and 'a total joke,' respectively." Said Trump, "Actually, dishonesty in the media is one of the things that surprised me the most. I thought after I won, the media would become much more stable and much more honest. They've gone crazy." Trump added, "CNN is a joke. NBC is a total joke. You watch what they report, it bears no relationship to what I'm doing. But the media is absolutely

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dishonest and frankly, I've never seen anything quite like it."

In Project Veritas Video, New York Times Editor Rips Trump, Pence. The Washington Times (10/17, Richardson, 541K) reports, "A New York Times senior staff editor called President Trump an 'oblivious idiot' and Vice President Mike Pence 'horrible' and 'worse than Trump' in an undercover video released Tuesday by the watchdog group Project Veritas." The Times says that in the video, "London-based homepage editor Desiree Shoe" rips Trump and Pence "while acknowledging that 'our main stories are supposed to be objective. 'I feel like Trump is a just a sort of an idiot in a lot of ways, just an oblivious idiot,' she" says "in the hidden-camera footage apparently taken at a bar." Shoe added, "If you impeach him, then Pence becomes president, Mike Pence, who's f–ing horrible, I think maybe worse than Trump. I'm speaking off the record." The Times says that Shoe "has worked for the NYT since 2009."

Professor: New York Times' New Social Media Policy "Hide[s] Reporter Biases." The Washington Times (10/17, Richardson, 541K) reports that the New York Times' "new policy on social media may rid the paper of perceived bias, but critics say it leaves unchecked the actual bias permeating" its "reliably liberal pages." Said Cornell Law School professor William A. Jacobson, "I believe in transparency, and The New York Times' new social media guidelines achieve the opposite. The guidelines are designed to hide reporter biases that makes it harder for the public to judge the credibility of reporting. Particularly in an age where we are asked to accept anonymously sourced reporting on the Trump administration, the public should know more about the political biases of those asking us to trust them on sourcing." The New York Times' new "policy prohibits reporters from making social media posts that 'express partisan opinions, promote political views, endorse candidates, make offensive comments or do anything else that undercuts The Times' journalistic reputation.'"

TRUMP WARNS MCCAIN, "I FIGHT BACK AND IT WON'T BE PRETTY." The CBS Evening News (10/17, story 4, 2:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported that after Sen. John McCain "blast[ed] President Trump's ideas with words like 'half-baked' and 'unpatriotic.'" The President on Tuesday "warned McCain to 'be careful.' The Vietnam war hero shot back, 'I've faced tougher adversaries.'" The AP (10/17, Thomas) reports that in a radio interview, Trump said, "I'm being very, very nice but at some point I fight back and it won't be pretty." The New York Post (10/17, Fredericks, 4.31M) reports that the President also said that McCain's deciding vote against the recent Republican healthcare measure was a "shocker."

USA Today (10/17, Cummings, 8.62M) reports that McCain "did not mention the president by name" in his Monday speech, but Politico (10/17, Nelson, 3.6M) says that the remarks "were widely interpreted as a shot at Trump's political style, a mix of nationalism, populism and conservatism." The AP (10/17, Thomas) reports that McCain said, "To abandon the ideals we have advanced around the globe, to refuse the obligations of international leadership for the sake of some half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems, is as unpatriotic as an attachment to any other tired dogma of the past that Americans consigned to the ash heap of history." On Fox News' Fox &Friends (10/17, 8:38 a.m. EDT, 2.04M), Kellyanne Conway denied McCain's assertion that Trump engenders "half-baked, spurious nationalism." Conway said, "We hope we can rely on Sen. McCain's vote" on a number of issues. Fox News' Special Report (10/17, 2.32M) briefly reported on McCain's Monday night remark and Trump's response on Tuesday.

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Biden: Trump's Behavior "Absolutely Bizarre." The AP (10/17) reports that former Vice President Joe Biden, who was presenting a medal to McCain at the National Constitution Center event on Monday, on Tuesday "called Trump's behavior 'absolutely bizarre.'" Biden said, "Violating the norms of personal conduct generates more anxiety and fear than any policy prescription that this president has enunciated. This breaking down of international and national norms is the glue that holds the liberal world order together, and holds together our system."

The Washington Times (10/17, Miller, 541K) reports that Biden and Ohio Gov. John Kasich were appearing together at a Delaware event to promote bipartisanship. The Washington Post (10/17, Kane, 10.38M) looks at the long relationship between Biden and McCain, who "have been on opposite sides of many crucial national security debates over the last 30 years," but who now find themselves to be "closely aligned...elder statesmen."

WPost Analysis: Trump Creates, Then Shoots Down Series Of "Political Villains." Michael Scherer writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) that President Trump has a practice of "conjuring and then belittling a political villain with little more than taps on a phone. ... In just the past few weeks, Trump has started, without any clear provocation, fights with football players who kneel during the national anthem, departments stores that declare 'happy holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas,' and late-night television hosts for their 'unfunny and repetitive material.'" He has also gone after "individual targets" including Senate Minority Leader Schumer, Sen. Bob Corker, Hillary Clinton, Kim Jong-un, ESPN's Jemele Hill, "and a shifting array of reporters, newspapers and networks he labels as the 'fake news.'" Scherer says that Trump has used the tactic "for years – defining himself against a negative space, as a tough truth teller who opposes others."

WHITE HOUSE URGES CORKER TO "GET OUT OF THE NAME-CALLING." Politico (10/17, McCaskill, 3.6M) reports that White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, in a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, said she was open to speaking with Sen. Bob Corker. Sanders said, "Sadly, Sen. Corker hasn't called me, but if he'd like to visit, I'd be happy to talk to him and certainly see if we could get him back on board and do, frankly, what the people of Tennessee elected him to do. ... Hopefully, he'll get out of the name-calling and get back to work here pretty soon."

WHITE HOUSE DENIES TRUMP JOKED PENCE WANTED TO "HANG" GAYS. Politico (10/17, Nussbaum, 3.6M) reports that the White House is denying that President Trump has joked that Vice President Pence "wanted to 'hang' homosexuals as well as other details reported" in a New Yorker profile of Pence. In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said, "From start to finish the article relied on fiction rather than facts. ... The suggestion that he would make such outrageous remarks is offensive and untrue." The New Yorker said it "stands by its reporting."

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBPOENAS PAGE, SEEKS INFORMATION FROM FLYNN'S SON. USA Today (10/17, Kelly, 8.62M) reports that the Senate Intelligence Committee "has issued a subpoena to compel testimony and documents from former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page," according to a congressional aide. Investigators "have raised questions about Page's

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alleged ties to Russia, which were detailed in a controversial dossier by former British spy Christopher Steele." Reuters (10/17, Hosenball, Layne) reports that the panel has also asked Michael G. Flynn, the son of ex-National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, "to provide documents and testimony."

Mueller's Team Interviews Spicer. Politico (10/17, Karni, Dawsey, 3.6M) reports that special counsel Robert Mueller's team met Monday with former White House press secretary Sean Spicer "for an interview that lasted much of the day." According to people familiar with the meeting, Spicer was asked about President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey and Trump's meetings with Russians officials including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Mueller Interviewed Cybersecurity Researcher Tait. Business Insider (10/17, 3.83M) reports that Mueller himself has interviewed cybersecurity researcher Matt Tait, "who described being recruited to vet hacked Hillary Clinton emails last year by a GOP operative tied to" the Trump campaign team. The interview took place "several weeks ago."

Kushner Adds Harder To Legal Team. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Correll, 465K) reports that Jared Kushner has added attorney Charles Harder to his legal team. Harder "has represented Hulk Hogan and Melania Trump" and "previously represented Harvey Weinstein but discontinued representing him amid mounting sexual harassment and assault revelations."

Democrats Reportedly Impatient With Pace Of Russia Probes. Bloomberg News (10/17, Dennis, House, 4.52M) reports, "Some Democrats in Congress are growing impatient with how the GOP is handling" the Russia probes. Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats "say they want to see more urgency in that panel's efforts," while House Intelligence Committee ranking member Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) "says the Trump administration is trying to pressure Congress into ending its investigations prematurely."

BuzzFeed Offers Some Information On Dossier, But Does Not Reveal Source. The Daily Caller (10/17, Ross, 521K) reports that BuzzFeed News has "provided a few new details about how it obtained the infamous Trump dossier," but it "is still refusing to identify its source" for the document. BuzzFeed reporter Ken Bensinger "revealed that he was granted access to the dossier in December after he became aware of 'intelligence reports alleging that there were connections between the Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government,' according to a declaration filed in federal court Monday in Miami."

FBI Uncovered Russian Bribery Plot Prior To US Approval Of 2010 Uranium Deal. Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight (10/17, 2.78M) reported "the FBI has uncovered evidence of a major Russian bribery effort just before the Obama Administration's approval of a deal back in 2010 that gave Russia control over large amounts of American uranium." The Hill (10/17, Solomon, Spann, 1.68M) reports that the FBI "had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin's atomic energy business" inside the US.

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Dan McLaughlin writes in the National Review (10/17, 892K) that this "could be a very big news story, if anyone is willing to follow up on it." Newt Gingrich said on Fox News' Hannity (10/17, 9:25 p.m. EDT, 4.05M) that this story indicates "levels of corruption and dishonesty on a scale that I can't remember in American history."

OBAMA UN AMBASSADOR SAYS UNMASKING REQUESTS WERE MADE IN HER NAME. The Daily Caller (10/17, Ross, 521K) reports that Obama Administration UN Ambassador Samantha Power told the House Intelligence Committee last week that someone inside the Administration's "intelligence apparatus made requests to unmask the identity of Americans named in intelligence reports" in her name. Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) told Fox News, "She would say those requests to unmask may have been attributed to her, but they greatly exceed by an exponential factor the requests she actually made."

TRUMP SAYS FED CHAIRMAN PICK COMING SOON, SOURCE SAYS EARLY NOVEMBER. USA Today (10/17, Jackson, 8.62M) reports President Trump said Tuesday he will select the next Federal Reserve Board chairman "over the next fairly short period of time." Addressing reporters at a joint news conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, Trump also "all but confirmed" the reported list of five finalists: Former Fed governor Kevin Warsh, Stanford University economist John Taylor, current Fed Governor Jerome Powell, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, and current Chair Janet Yellen. He said, "I would say within those five you'll probably get the answer."

Reuters (10/17, Holland) reports Trump will likely announce his choice for next Fed chair before his trip to Asia in early November, according to a "source familiar with the situation." The source "said announcing the choice by the time Trump leaves for Asia on Nov. 3 would give the Senate time for the confirmation process."

WPost: Yellen Deserves A Second Term. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes that President Trump should select Janet Yellen for a second term as Federal Reserve Chairman because of her experience with steadily raising interest rates and with the unwinding of the Fed's asset purchasing program, her encouragement and defense of safeguards on financial institutions, and her relative flexibility compared with the other candidates. The Post concludes that her selection would signal the preservation of the Federal Reserve's independence from politicization and "would send a reassuring message of continuity."

DOW TOPS 23,000 FOR FIRST TIME. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 3, 2:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported the Dow Jones topped 23,000 for the first time on Tuesday before closing just shy of the 23,000 mark. The Dow has grown 16 percent since January 1, and the market altogether has climbed 28 percent since the election of President Trump.

USA Today (10/17, Shell, 8.62M) reports that Wall Street observers say the Dow's continued rise has been driven by five key factors: rebounding economies around the world, strong US

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corporate earnings, low borrowing costs, anticipation of tax cuts, and large US companies' benefiting from a weak dollar and stronger foreign economies.

TRUMP CALLS ON AMERICANS TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS" DURING HOLIDAYS. The Washington Times (10/17, Dinan, 541K) reports President Trump said Tuesday that Americans should be comfortable saying "Merry Christmas." Commenting on stores that don't use "Merry Christmas" in their displays, Trump said, "I want them to say Merry Christmas everybody, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays, but I want Merry Christmas."

TRUMP DROPS IN FORBES 400 RANKING. USA Today (10/17, McCoy, 8.62M) reports President Trump dropped in the annual Forbes magazine rankings of the wealthiest Americans after his fortune shrank by $600 million, to $3.1 billion – "dropping him from 156th place to 248th place in the 2017 Forbes 400 ranking, the magazine reported Tuesday." Trump now is tied with Snapchat creator Evan Spiegel in the magazine's 2017 ranking.

TRUMP DC JUDICIAL NOMINEE ADDRESSES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. The Washington Post (10/17, Marimow, Sullivan, 10.38M) reports that Gregory G. Katsas – President Trump's judicial nominee for the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and current deputy White House counsel – on Tuesday "told senators considering his nomination that he advised the Trump administration on the travel ban on residents of certain majority Muslim countries, ending protections for young undocumented immigrants and the president's voter fraud commission." During a two-hour hearing, Katsas also "sought to assure the Senate Judiciary Committee that he would recuse himself from any cases involving his work as a government lawyer." The Post observes that Tuesday's hearing comes as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell "is intensifying efforts to install conservative jurists on the federal bench."

PRUITT SEEKS TO ASSURE SENATORS OVER BIOFUELS MANDATE. The Hill (10/17, Henry, Cama, 1.68M) reports EPA Administrator Pruitt "sought to reassure" Midwestern lawmakers on Tuesday that he supported the federal biofuels mandate. In a nearly hour-long meeting in Sen. Chuck Grassley's Senate office that included Sens. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Ben Sasse (R-NE), and Deb Fischer (R-NE), Pruitt "made a political case for the ethanol mandate." The meeting came amid concerns from lawmakers in both parties about proposed changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard.

SESSIONS CREATES WATCHDOG FOR ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM. The Washington Post (10/17, Horwitz, 10.38M) reports Attorney General Sessions is establishing a Justice Department watchdog to oversee the department's asset forfeiture program. In a memo Tuesday, Sessions "directed Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein to hire a director to review all aspects of the department's policy and take action if problems arise." Rep. Darrell Issa, who criticized the department last summer when Sessions announced the asset forfeiture program, said Tuesday of the move, "It's nice to see at least some acknowledgment that civil forfeiture is in need of increased oversight, but the changes really don't go far enough and the core problem still remains."

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ZINKE BOOSTER NOW EXPRESSES CONCERNS ABOUT HIS PUBLIC LAND POLICIES. The Washington Post (10/17, Grandoni, 10.38M) reports that Backcountry Hunters &Anglers Executive Director Land Tawney backed fellow Montanan Ryan Zinke's nomination to lead the Interior Department, but is now raising concerns about Zinke's stance on public lands and his "approach to national monuments." Tawney "still has kind words for Zinke, calling him 'a proven leader.'" But "as to the question of whether he still regards him as an ally, Tawney split the difference." He said, "What we've always done is we've applauded [Zinke] for the things that we think he's doing that are beneficial to hunters and anglers, then we've held him accountable on the other end of that."

CHAO SILENT ON FEDERAL MONEY FOR MIAMI'S METRORAIL. The Miami Herald (10/17, Hanks, 701K) reports that Transportation Secretary Chao on Tuesday "deftly avoided" providing information about federal money for Miami's Metrorail during a press conference at Miami International Airport. Chao said, "Resources are an issue. It's a resource issue for all of us. ... From the whole country's point of view, the needs exceed the resources." Chao "didn't mention the issue" of money for expanding Metrorail but "did say the Trump administration may provide help to Miami-Dade beyond money."

FOX NEWS POLL: JONES, MOORE TIED AT 42% IN DEC. 12 SPECIAL ELECTION. On its website, Fox News (10/17, Blanton, 12.87M) reported that a Fox News poll of 801 Alabama voters, taken Oct. 14-16, shows ex-US Attorney Doug Jones (D) and ex-state Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore (R) tied at 42% each in the Dec. 12 special election for the former seat of now-US Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Fox News added "that among just the 53 percent of Alabama registered voters who are extremely or very interested in the race, Jones" leads Moore 46%-45%. Fox News said that President Trump carried "Alabama by 28 points in 2016, yet the Steve Bannon-backed Moore defeated the president's favored candidate, incumbent Luther Strange, in the GOP primary."

The Hill (10/17, Thomsen, 1.68M) reported that the survey "also found that 42 percent of Moore's supporters had some doubts about the candidate, while 48 percent said they strongly support him in the race. Republicans were also less likely to support their nominee than Democrats were to support Jones, with 77 percent of GOP voters saying they'd back Moore. Eight-five percent of Democrats said the same for Jones. Twenty-eight percent of Jones' backers said they had some reservations about him. But 21 percent of his supporters said they were voting against Moore rather than for Jones."

Rand Paul Backs Moore. The Hill (10/17, Shelbourne, 1.68M) reported that Sen. Rand Paul on Tuesday backed Moore's bid, saying in a statement, "Judge Roy Moore has spent a lifetime defending and standing up for the Constitution while fighting for the people of Alabama. We need more people in Washington, D.C. that will stand on principle and defend the Constitution." Writing for the Washington Examiner (10/17, Bedard, 465K), Paul Bedard described Paul's endorsement of Moore as "a huge show of support." Bedard added that Paul's backing "puts a stamp of approval on Moore's anti-Washington campaign which he rode to victory recently in a primary against Sen. Luther Strange, appointed earlier this year to replace former Sen. Jeff Sessions when he became the Attorney General."

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THREE POLLS SHOW VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S RACE "WITHIN THE MARGIN OF ERROR." Three weeks before next month's election to succeed term-limited Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), Politico (10/17, Shepard, 3.6M) reported that a trio of "new public polls show" the battle between ex-RNC chief Ed Gillespie and Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam (D) "within the margin of error." A Monmouth University survey of 408 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 12-16, shows Gillespie leading Northam 48%-47%, with Libertarian Cliff Hyra at 3% and 3% undecided. Northam led 49%-44% in last month's poll. Meanwhile, a Christopher Newport University survey of 642 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 9-13, shows Northam leading Gillespie 48%-44%, with Hyra at 3% and 5% undecided. Northam led 49%-42% in last week's poll. And a Roanoke College poll of 607 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 8-13, shows Northam leading Gillespie 50%-44%, with Hyra at 2% and 4% undecided. Northam led 47%-43% in last month's poll. The Hill (10/17, Hagen, 1.68M) reported that the Monmouth survey "is the first public poll that shows Gillespie leading." The Washington Free Beacon (10/17, Crookston, 158K) also reports on the results of three polls released on Tuesday.

Democrat Northam Has Over Twice As Much Cash On Hand Than Gillespie. The AP (10/17, Suderman) reports that Northam holds "a hefty cash advantage over" Gillespie ahead of next month's election. Northam collected over "$7 million in September and had about $5.7 million in the bank at the end of the month." Gillespie, meanwhile, raised "$4.4 million, with $2.5 million cash on hand for the same period." Gillespie "enjoyed a cash advantage over Northam after the June primaries but has struggled to match the Democrat's fundraising prowess in recent months." The Washington Post (10/17, Nirappil, 10.38M) reports, "Republicans attributed the fundraising lag to a variety of reasons, including donors who were tuned out after the presidential contest and an unfavorable political climate for the GOP in Virginia."

TWO POLLS SHOW DEMOCRAT MURPHY UP DOUBLE DIGITS IN NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S RACE. NJ News (10/17, Brodesser-Akner, 1.21M) reported that a Farleigh Dickinson University PublicMind poll of 658 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 11-15, shows ex-Goldman Sachs executive Phil Murphy (D) leading Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno (R-NJ) 47%-32% in next month's election to succeed term-limited Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ). On its website, Fox News (10/17, Balara, 12.87M) reported that a Fox News poll of 679 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 14-16, shows Murphy leading Guadagno 47%-33%.

Obama Joining Parade Of Democrats Who've Stumped For Murphy. The New York Times (10/17, Corasaniti, Burns, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "An Obama administration reunion tour is unfolding in New Jersey, as a cavalcade of Democratic luminaries has paraded into the state in recent days, including former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., former Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez and former Secretary of State John Kerry, urging voters to" back Murphy's bid. The Times adds that President Obama is slated to stump with Murphy "on Thursday at a rally in Newark, making his first public foray on the campaign trail in support of a Democratic candidate since leaving office. And Hillary Clinton will be a guest of honor at a closed-door fund-raiser for Mr. Murphy on Sunday in Harrison, N.J., her first campaign event since last year's election." Murphy served as ambassador to Germany in the Obama Administration.

Democrats Blast Guadagno Over "Bridgegate." The AP (10/17) reports that the Murphy camp on Tuesday received "a boost from the mayor whose town was gridlocked in the so-called Bridgegate scandal. Democratic Mayor of Fort Lee Mark Sokolich joined fellow Democrats Rep. Bill Pascrell, state Sen. Loretta Weinberg and Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer Tuesday to

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attack...Guadagno" on "the same day Murphy unveiled a new 30-second TV spot that says Christie and Guadagno's biggest triumph 'was a traffic jam.' Two former allies of Christie's were convicted in federal court in the 2013 political payback scheme that saw local access lanes to the George Washington Bridge closed."

PENCE'S FUNDRAISER BENEFITING COLLINS DRAWS "ABOUT 80" PROTESTERS. The Buffalo (NY) News (10/17, O'Brien, 362K) reports, "About 80 people protested outside a suburban Buffalo restaurant Tuesday as Vice President Pence arrived to raise" cash for Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY), "one of the Trump administration's staunchest backers in Congress." The News adds that Collins, "with Pence's help, expects to raise $400,000 at [the] event."

CALIFORNIA HOUSE REPUBLICANS GET LARGE FINANCIAL BOOST FROM PAC'S FUNDRAISER WITH PENCE. The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Mai-Duc, 4.49M) reports, "California Republican House members have received more than $1 million from a committee that recently benefited from a fundraiser with Vice President Pence. California Victory 2018 – a joint fundraising committee that helps" PACs "belonging to Pence and Rep. Kevin McCarthy as well as congressional campaign accounts of McCarthy and seven California Republicans – received proceeds from a string of Pence fundraisers across the state last week."

ENDORSING FLAKE PRIMARY FOE WARD, BANNON RIPS MCCONNELL, SENATE REPUBLICANS. The AP (10/17, Beaumont, Christie) reports that ex-White House chief strategist Steve Bannon on Tuesday "doubled down on his criticism of the GOP establishment" during a fundraising event benefiting ex-state Sen. Kelli Ward (R-AZ), who is mounting a 2018 primary challenge to Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ). Appearing in Scottsdale, Bannon "heaped disdain on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other incumbent Republicans, saying they failed President Donald Trump by not backing his agenda and are openly critical of their own president." Said Bannon, who was joined at Tuesday's event by conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham, "If you saw how they try to rip him apart every day, how they are trying to destroy him every day. And yes, I'm talking about Mitch McConnell and the Senate Republicans."

The Arizona Republic (10/17, Nowicki, 968K) reports that Bannon's appearance "was the biggest indicator to date that the allies of...Trump are settling on Ward as their preferred challenger to Flake." The Republic adds that Bannon blasted McConnell, "and vowed that the Republican elite are destined to 'reap the whirlwind' and 'that whirlwind is Kelli Ward.'" The "remarks were another salvo in the 'war' Bannon has declared on the GOP establishment. 'It's an open revolt, and it should be,' Bannon said before introducing Ward at her campaign's formal kickoff event."

Politico Analysis: Some Bannon Candidates Also Backed By GOP Establishment. Politico (10/17, Karni, 3.6M) reports that Steve Bannon recently backed state Auditor Matt Rosendale's (R) Montana Senate bid "as part of his war on the GOP establishment." However, Bannon's "interest in Rosendale – as well as many of the other candidates" he's backing – "has some Washington GOP power brokers confused by his definition of 'anti-establishment.' For months, the National Republican Senatorial Committee has been media training Rosendale," who's "also a client of the consulting firm On Message, Inc., one of the most 'establishment' consulting firms in Washington." Politico added, "The overlap between the 'establishment-backed' candidates and

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those Bannon is elevating in hopes of taking down the establishment has some accusing him of being more interested in a one-man show than his 'season of war against a GOP establishment.'"

Nicholson Hails "Huge Endorsement" By Bannon In GOP Primary. In a report on Sen. Tammy Baldwin's (D-WI) 2018 reelection race, the AP (10/17, Bauer) focuses on the GOP primary, saying that businessman Kevin Nicholson (R) has "won the backing of former presidential strategist Steve Bannon in Wisconsin's US Senate race, a surprise move that sent shockwaves Tuesday through the" Republican contest. Nicholson is battling state Sen. Leah Vukmir (R-WI) in the GOP primary. The AP says, "The endorsement by a political action committee backed by Bannon," the Great America PAC, "comes after both Nicholson and Vukmir met separately in private with Bannon." Nicholson "tweeted on Tuesday that he was 'humbled by this huge endorsement' by Bannon."

HILL ANALYSIS: TRUMP'S SUPPORT GIVES BARLETTA EDGE IN CROWDED PRIMARY. In a report on Sen. Bob Casey's (D-PA) 2018 reelection race, The Hill (10/17, Kamisar, Hagen, 1.68M) said that Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA) "is seen as the leading GOP candidate to take on" the incumbent Democrat, "with his chances boosted further after a de facto endorsement from President Trump last week. During a Harrisburg, Pa., rally last Wednesday, Trump lauded" Barletta "as a 'great guy' who will 'win big,'" and "then repeated the praise during an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity. Trump's praise will give Barletta, an early Trump endorser during the presidential race and a key campaign surrogate, a major bump in a crowded primary field that also includes wealthy real estate developer Jeff Bartos."

EIGHT DEMOCRATS ON CNN'S LIST OF "10 SENATE SEATS MOST LIKELY TO SWITCH PARTIES" IN 2018. On its website, CNN (10/17, Bradner, 33.59M) offered its list of "the 10 Senate seats most likely to switch parties in the November 2018 midterms." Topping the list is the seat of Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV), followed by those of Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Jeff Flake (R-AZ); Joe Donnelly (D-IN); Joe Manchin (D-WV); Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND): Sherrod Brown (D-OH); Jon Tester (D-MT); Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); and Bill Nelson (D-FL).

HAWLEY SPOKESMAN SIDESTEPS QUESTION ON WHETHER CANDIDATE WOULD BACK MCCONNELL. McClatchy (10/17, Wise, 67K) reports that state Attorney Gen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), "Republicans' top recruit to" take on Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) in next year's election, "won't commit to voting for Mitch McConnell as Senate Republican leader if elected in 2018." Asked if the GOP hopeful would back McConnell, Hawley campaign spokesman Scott Paradise "deflected the question," saying in an email, "The Senate is broken and failing the people of Missouri. Josh is running because he is not willing to tolerate the failure of the D.C. establishment any longer. He won't tolerate Claire McCaskill's failure. And he won't tolerate Republican failure, either."

McCaskill Acknowledges "Sloppy" Mistake In Claiming She Was Out When Controversial Bill Passed. The Springfield (MO) News-Leader (10/17, Shesgreen, 61K) reports that McCaskill on Tuesday "said she was wrong when she asserted she'd been undergoing breast cancer treatment on March 17, 2016 – the day the Senate passed legislation undermining the Drug Enforcement Agency's ability to stop suspicious shipments of opioids to what they feared were pill-mills and illicit pharmacies." The bill "dramatically undercut the DEA's efforts to staunch the

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flow of millions of opioid pills into communities across the country, according to an investigation by the Washington Post and '60 Minutes,' published on Sunday." Speaking on "Monday with CNN, McCaskill said she didn't go along with the bill and was out for breast cancer treatment when it passed." On Tuesday, however, McCaskill "said her statements on Monday were a 'sloppy embarrassing mistake.'"

SLF UNVEILS MICROSITE TARGETING DEMOCRAT DONNELLY ON OUTSOURCING. The Hill (10/17, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported that the Senate Leadership Fund (SLF), a super PAC aligned with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, on Tuesday was to unveil "a new microsite" hitting Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) "over revelations from this summer that he earned profit from a family company that outsourced jobs to Mexico. The new website is called 'MexicoJoe.com,' a nod to the pejorative nickname that Republicans have bestowed upon Donnelly since the news broke over the summer. It will be a central hub for the SLF's attacks on Donnelly, hosting content including video and news clippings." Donnelly faces reelection next year.

NELSON RAISES NEARLY $1.8M IN Q3, HAS $6.3M BANKED FOR REELECTION RACE. The Tampa Bay (FL) Times (10/17, Leary, 877K) reports that Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), who faces reelection next year, "raised $1.75 million in the third quarter of 2017 and now has $6.3 million cash-on-hand. The haul comes as Nelson suspended his campaign for several weeks due to the hurricanes, an aide said." Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R), who is term-limited in 2018, is expected to challenge Nelson in next year's election.

TESTIMONY CONTINUES IN MENENDEZ'S FEDERAL CORRUPTION TRIAL. In continuing coverage of the federal corruption trial of Sen. Bob Menendez (D) and his longtime friend and donor, eye doctor Salomon Melgen, Bloomberg News (10/17, Weinberg, Voreacos, 4.52M) reports that Menendez's attorneys on Tuesday "sought to show jurors that the New Jersey Democrat was motivated by a desire to improve public policy and not by corrupt intent when he intervened in a Medicare billing dispute at the heart of" the prosecution's case. Testifying for the defense, "Washington lobbyist Alan Reider" discussed "how he helped Melgen contest accusations that he overbilled for Lucentis, a macular degeneration drug that costs doctors $2,000. Reider, a health care lawyer, said he argued to Menendez that Medicare policy that prevented multiple doses of Lucentis from a single bottle was confusing and contradictory." Reider "said his briefing with Menendez in 2012 focused on the multidosing policy rather than Melgen's dispute with the government."

Politico (10/17, Friedman, 3.6M) reported that Rieder "said he learned of at least six other doctors who were concerned about 'multi-dosing,' even though prosecutors have argued only Melgen had an interest in changing the government's policy on the issue." Reider, "who testified that he had briefly registered as a lobbyist when representing Melgen" as an attorney, "met with Menendez, who later raised the multi-dosing issue with everyone from bureaucrats at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to then-Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Prosecutors say those meetings were favors Menendez did for Melgen...in exchange for private jet flights, vacations and hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions."

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The New York Times (10/17, Wang, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that testifying on Tuesday, "Melgen's wife, Flor Melgen, was alternately subdued and defiant in answering questions about the relationship between her husband and Mr. Menendez." The Times adds that at one point, "after Kirk Ogrosky, a lawyer for Dr. Melgen, asked whether Ms. Melgen had expected to receive anything in return for her donations to Mr. Menendez's campaigns, she replied no. But she then began to explain in Spanish, through an interpreter, that 'every citizen who lives in this country' might expect a return from a candidate who could 'do good for the community.'"

The AP (10/17, Porter) reports that Ms. Melgen "recalled how then-Republican Florida Gov. Charlie Crist showed up at her Palm Beach County home unannounced in October 2010, when he was running for Senate as an independent. Crist apparently was hoping Menendez, at the time the chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, was there that night, she testified. He wasn't, but Crist wound up dining and staying overnight. He reimbursed the Melgens $100 for the dinner. 'So at least one politician knows how to pay your husband back,' Justice Department attorney Monique Abrishami said. Defense attorneys immediately objected, and US District Judge William Walls cautioned jurors to disregard attorneys' 'throwaway questions.'"

NJ News (10/17, Moriarty, Spoto, 1.21M) reports, "Defense attorneys raised the subject of [Crist's reimbursement] to try to address the issue of one of the flights prosecutors allege Menendez took on Melgen's dime as part of a bribe. The defense has argued Menendez should not have been charged in that instance because, they say, that Oct. 9 to 11, 2010, trip to Florida was campaign-related and should have been reimbursed by the DSCC."

Poll: 73% Of New Jersey Voters Say Menendez Should Resign Immediately, If Convicted. Meanwhile, Fox News (10/17, Balara, 12.87M) reported on its website that in a Fox News poll of 679 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 14-16, 63% of those surveyed said that Menendez "should resign immediately," if convicted of the corruption charges, while 19% said "he should wait until the next governor is in office."

Pence: If Convicted, It Would Be "Inappropriate And Wrong" For Menendez To Remain In Senate. The Washington Times (10/17, Persons, 541K) reports that during a Tuesday interview with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, Vice President Pence said that having Menendez continue to serve in the Senate "would be 'inappropriate' if he's convicted in his federal corruption case." Said Pence, "I think that'll be a decision for members of the Senate. But having a convicted felon in the United States Senate, I think, would be altogether inappropriate and wrong."

NEW WILDFIRES EMERGE IN SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 5, 1:55, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "as firefighters make progress on the devastating wildfires" in California, new fires emerged in the Santa Cruz Mountains on Tuesday night, leaving five firefighters injured. Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital (SSRRH) evacuated all 77 patients. SSRRH Chief Nursing Executive Robin Allen said, "We believe over 30 physicians at this facility lost their homes, as well as over 40 staff members."

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Sonoma Sheriff Denies Reports Linking Wildfires To Arson-Related Arrest. The Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight (10/17, Sandhu, Longoria, 59K) reports that on Tuesday, Breitbart News and InfoWars "attempted to link the Sunday arrest of" Latino man Jesus Fabian Gonzalez "on suspicion of arson in Sonoma to the massive, deadly cluster of wildfires burning in California's wine country," but the outlets "offered no evidence to link the man's arrest to the fires and their accounts of the man's arrest were disputed the same day by Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano." Giordano said in a news conference, "There's a story out there he's the arsonist for these fires. That is not the case. There is no indication he is related to these fires at all."

WEINSTEIN RESIGNS FROM HIS COMPANY; AMAZON EXEC STEPS DOWN. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 7, 2:10, Holt, 16.61M) reported Harvey Weinstein on Tuesday officially resigned from the board of his company as more than 50 women accuse him of sexual harassment or assault. The head of Amazon Studios also resigned Tuesday amid sexual harassment allegations, and executive producer Amanda Segel now is accusing Weinstein's brother, Bob Weinstein, of harassing her. The CBS Evening News (10/17, story 9, 0:25, Mason, 11.17M) reported that Spike TV has said it is investigating Segel's claims. A spokesman for Bob Weinstein has "denied the charges."

ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 4, 2:15, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "other Hollywood A-listers are coming forward with their own experiences" of harassment and assault, with actress Reese Witherspoon claiming she was abused by a "Hollywood director" and Jennifer Lawrence making her own claims.

WOMEN DENOUNCE HARASSMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S STATE LEGISLATURE. The New York Times (10/17, Nagourney, Medina, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that more than 140 women – "including legislators, senior legislative aides and lobbyists" – have drafted a letter denouncing "what they describe as pervasive sexual misconduct by powerful men" in California's state legislature. Women "complained of groping, lewd comments and suggestions of trading sexual favors for legislation while doing business in Sacramento." The letter "comes as the scandal involving Mr. Weinstein had set off a wave of investigations, recriminations and accusations across the nation, including in state capitals in Rhode Island and South Dakota."

NYTIMES A1: SECRETIVE "SELF-HELP" GROUP FOR WOMEN REQUIRES MEMBERS TO BE BRANDED. In a front-page story, the New York Times (10/17, A1, Meier, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on the inner workings of a secretive "self-help" organization, called Nxivm, where women, in order to gain admission, "were required to give their recruiter...naked photographs or other compromising material" to ensure their silence about the group and then were "branded" with a cauterizing device. Since the late 1990s, "an estimated 16,000 people have enrolled in courses offered by Nxivm (pronounced Nex-e-um), which it says are designed to bring about greater self-fulfillment by eliminating psychological and emotional barriers." With recent revelations of the "secret sisterhood and branding," scores of members are leaving the organization, and interviews with a dozen of them "portray a group spinning more deeply into disturbing practices."

TRUMP ACCUSER DESCRIBES EARLIER HARASSMENT EXPERIENCE. In a USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) op-ed, journalist Natasha Stoynoff – who wrote last year in People about being

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harassed by Donald Trump during a 2005 interview – describes her experience being sexually harassed by an unnamed actor 30 years ago. Stoynoff writes that women are beginning to open up about their experiences of harassment and assault. Women "are not afraid anymore, and there is no room in this world for men of this ilk."

PENCE SAYS WALKING OUT OF COLTS GAME WAS "RIGHT THING TO DO." WXIN-TV Indianapolis (10/17, 178K) reports online that Vice President Pence said Tuesday that his decision to walk out from an Indianapolis Colts game after players knelt during the national anthem was the right choice. In a radio interview with WIBC-FM's Tony Katz, Pence said, "You know we had had plans for a long time to attend that game. Karen and I were looking very much forward to it, but frankly when we saw that so many players took a knee on the sideline we thought it was the right thing to do to leave." Pence did say he and President Trump had discussed the situation before he came to Indianapolis, and he added that while "everybody is entitled to their opinion...the president and I believe it's not too much to ask for all players to respect our soldiers, respect our flag, respect our national anthem, and that's why we left."

In addition to providing video of Pence's interview with Tony Katz, WIBC-FM Indianapolis (10/17, 7K) reports online that Pence also discussed the Administration's domestic and foreign policy accomplishments and the importance of tax reform. Pence said, "And before the end of this year we're going to cut taxes for working-class families and small businesses all across America."

NFL OWNERS, PLAYERS MEET TO DISCUSS ANTHEM PROTESTS. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 13, 0:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported that NFL team owners and players met on Tuesday in New York to discuss league protocol on kneeling during the national anthem. While the two sides "called the meeting productive," there was no agreement reached on the anthem protests. During the meeting, protests "erupted" outside.

ABC World News Tonight (10/17, lead story, 2:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced Tuesday evening that owners did not ask the players to stand for the national anthem. Players at the meeting said progress was made on bringing attention to the reasons that some were kneeling. Players and owners "are expected to get together to discuss" the kneeling issue again "within the next couple of weeks."

GOOGLE SERVES "FAKE NEWS" ADS ON FACT-CHECKING SITES, NYTIMES FINDS. A New York Times (10/17, Wakabayashi, Qiu, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) investigation found that enticing fake "headlines served as bait to draw readers to fraudulent sites that masqueraded as mainstream news sites, such as People and Vogue." The Times found that "fake publishers used Google's AdWords system to place the advertisements on websites that fit their broad parameters," including, ironically, "PolitiFact and Snopes, fact-checking sites created precisely to dispel such falsehoods." The article highlights opinion that this investigation's finding underscores the challenges of avoiding so-called "fake news."

NATIONAL ARCHIVES WARNED ADMINISTRATION TO PRESERVE DOCUMENTS. Politico (10/17, Dawsey, Bender, 3.6M) cites sources and documents as indicating "National Archives

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officials have periodically warned White House lawyers that the Trump administration needs to follow document preservation laws." National Archives officials reportedly "told the White House counsel's office they were concerned that wasn't happening, particularly early in the administration." In addition, the nonpartisan watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics "is suing the Trump administration over its adherence to the record law, citing the use by White House officials of encrypted smartphone apps to communicate, such as Confide and Signal, which are designed to delete data."

BIPARTISAN GROUP TO URGE TRUMP TO ALTER POLICING POLICIES. The New York Times (10/17, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that a "broad coalition" of law enforcement officials and activists "is expected to urge President Trump on Wednesday to adjust policies on policing and criminality, the first time such a group has spoken out against the Trump administration." According to the Times, "some of the nation's most prominent prosecutors, police chiefs and criminal justice overhaul advocates," including Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) and "representatives from the conservative Koch brothers network," will meet in Washington, DC for the National Law Enforcement Summit. Former Attorney General Eric Holder and Sally Q. Yates, "the acting attorney general whom Mr. Trump abruptly fired in the first few days of his presidency, will speak." The presenters "are expected to pose the challenge to Mr. Trump, who ran in 2016 as a 'law and order' candidate but whose attorney general's policies – as well as Mr. Trump's own messaging – have come under increasing criticism from local law enforcement officials."

OPEN SOCIETY DISCLOSES $18 BILLION IN DONATIONS FROM GEORGES SOROS. On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, A1, Chung, Das, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Open Society Foundations said Tuesday that in recent years, George Soros has moved about $18 billion of his money into Open Society. Soros reportedly has no plans to trade the billions now belonging to Open Society, as his family office manages the endowment. The article outlines causes supported by Open Society, including immigration reform, US criminal justice reform, mentoring programs for black and Latino young men, and indirectly, the Black Lives Matter movement.

The New York Times (10/17, Gelles, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that this makes Open Society "the second largest foundation in the United States by assets, according to the National Philanthropic Trust." The Times mentions that Soros had wrongly bet against the stock market after Trump was elected.

DUCKWORTH: CONGRESS SEEKING TO REMOVE PROTECTIONS FOR DISABLED. In a Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) op-ed, Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) writes that Congress – led by "special interests" in the hospitality and retail industries – are working to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act by offering legislation that seeks "to shift the burden of ADA compliance away from business owners and onto individuals with disabilities." The argues that if Congress passes the "misguided" ADA Education and Reform Act, "it would send a disgraceful message to Americans with disabilities that their civil rights are not worthy of strong enforcement."

WSJOURNAL DECRIES COURT RULING ABSOLVING PROSECUTORS FOR USING FALSE INFORMATION. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes about Tuesday's ruling by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals that absolved prosecutors for the use

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of false information in the prosecution of hedge fund founder David Ganek. Ganek had sued the prosecutors, seeking damages after the prosecution had put his hedge fund out of business. The appeals court ruled that the prosecutors were immune from liability. The Journal calls this another example of abusive behavior by prosecutors, and it urges the Justice Department to investigate the incident and to discipline the prosecutors.

WSJOURNAL APPLAUDS GOV. BROWN'S VETO OF CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT BILL. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial board praises California Governor Jerry Brown's (D) Sunday veto of a bill that would have codified the Obama Administration's "Dear Colleague" guidance, which said universities would lose federal funds if they did not create courts to litigate Title IX campus sexual assault claims. The Journal urges politicians to stay focused on their principles in spite of desire to buck the Trump Administration.

WPOST OFFERS FAREWELL TO FORMER COMMUNICATIONS VICE PRESIDENT. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes offers a farewell message for The Post's former vice president of communications, Vincent E. Reed, who died Tuesday at the age of 89. The Post says Reed "leaves a rich legacy" in the lives of the students who benefited from the school he created – Benjamin Banneker Academic High School – and the educators "helped by the support and guidance he provided from his position at The Post."

Editorial Wrap-Up:

NEW YORK TIMES. ***"Mr Trump Outdoes Himself In Picking A Conflicted Regulator."*** A New York Times (10/17, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) editorial says President Trump has "made a habit of filling important jobs with people dedicated to undermining the laws they're supposed to administer while pampering the industries they're supposed to regulate," and "yet no nomination has been as brazen, as dangerous to public health and as deserving of Senate rejection as that of Michael Dourson to run the EPA office in charge of reviewing chemicals used in agriculture, industry and household products." Dourson's nomination is "enthusiastically endorsed by the chemical industry," but "horrifies environmental groups, public health advocates, firefighters and scientists." The Times says it "would take just a few Republicans to block the nomination," and urges senators to "think hard about the impact their votes could have on the health of Americans for years to come."

WASHINGTON POST. ***"Janet Yellen Deserves A Second Term As Fed Chair."*** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes that President Trump should select Janet Yellen for a second term as Federal Reserve Chairman because of her experience with steadily raising interest rates and with the unwinding of the Fed's asset purchasing program, her encouragement and defense of safeguards on financial institutions, and her relative flexibility compared with the other candidates. The Post concludes that her selection would signal the preservation of the Federal Reserve's independence from politicization and "would send a reassuring message of continuity."

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"The Hope For Change In Venezuela Suffers A Crushing Blow." A Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) editorial says "hopes that Venezuela could emerge from its catastrophic political and economic collapse by democratic means suffered a crushing and perhaps terminal blow on Sunday" when the government of Nicolás Maduro staged elections for provincial governors. Polls showed the opposition, "which reluctantly agreed to participate, would win up to two-thirds of the races," and yet the results "announced by pro-regime election authorities were nearly the opposite." The Post argues that Sunday's result suggests that a free and fair democratic election in Venezuela "is no longer possible."

"Saying Farewell To A Local Icon Of National Renown." In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes offers a farewell message for The Post's former vice president of communications, Vincent E. Reed, who died Tuesday at the age of 89. The Post says Reed "leaves a rich legacy" in the lives of the students who benefited from the school he created – Benjamin Banneker Academic High School – and the educators "helped by the support and guidance he provided from his position at The Post."

WALL STREET JOURNAL. ***"The Realtors Take A Tax Hostage."*** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that The National Association of Realtors' attack on GOP tax legislation is based upon their desire to keep middle-class tax rates high to preserve their mortgage interest deduction subsidy. The Journal concludes that Republicans should stand firm against the housing lobby's efforts against the GOP plan.

"Jerry Brown's Title IX Veto." The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial board praises California Governor Jerry Brown's (D) Sunday veto of a bill that would have codified the Obama Administration's "Dear Colleague" guidance, which said universities would lose federal funds if they did not create courts to litigate Title IX campus sexual assault claims. The Journal urges politicians to stay focused on their principles in spite of desire to buck the Trump Administration.

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The Big Picture:

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Wall Street Journal:

Senators Reach Deal To Shore Up Health Markets

Soros Transfers $18 Billion To Foundation, Creating Instant Giant

US-Backed Forces Say They Have Taken Last Islamic State Urban Stronghold

The Other Brother: Bob Weinstein Was An Abusive Boss

New York Times:

2 Senators Strike Deal On Health Subsidies That Trump Cut Off

Raqqa, ISIS 'Capital,' Is Captured, US-Backed Forces Say

As Party Gathers, Xi Jinping Displays A Firm Grip On Power

Inside A Secretive Group Where Women Are Branded

Navy SEALs Were Ready If Pakistan Failed To Free Family Held As Hostages

Women Denounce Harassment In California's Capital

Washington Post:

Latest Healthcare Effort Quickly Stalls

US-Backed Force Says Raqqa Free Of ISIS

Despite Decision Against Uber, London's Rivalry Between Traditional, Modern Transit Continues

Drug Czar Pick Bows Out Amid Criticism Of Law

Judge Largely Halts Latest Version Of Travel Ban

Financial Times:

US-Backed Forces Claim Victory Over ISIS In Raqqa As Jihadis Flee

Airbus Challenges Boeing With Vow To Create US Jobs

Wall St Banks Boosted By Lending To Rich Clients

Washington Times:

Trump Supports Bipartisan Short-Term Fix To Stabilize Obamacare

Judge Blocks Trump's Travel Ban For Third Time

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Islamic State's 'Caliphate' Dissolves, But Ideology, Operations Spread Around World

New York Times' Social Media Policy Only Hides Political Bias, Doesn't Eliminate It

Biden And Kasich Claim Political Center, Turn Bipartisan Talk Against Trump

After Year In Coffin, Thai King's Body Prepared For Royal Cremation

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: NFL Owners Meeting; Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; California Wildfires; Travel Restriction Blocked; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ohio-Police Violence; Cold Medicine Murder; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; Aspiring Kid.

CBS: Opioid Epidemic-Marino Nomination Withdrawn; Opioid Epidemic-Hard Hit Area; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; McCain, Biden-Trump Criticisms; White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; Travel Restriction Blocked; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; Young Political Candidates.

NBC: White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; Wall Street Records; Opioid Epidemic-Marino Nomination Withdrawn; Opioid Epidemic-Chinese Imports; Travel Restriction Blocked; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; United Overbooking Investigation; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; NFL Owners Meeting; GMO Apple; Brooklyn-Loose Cow; Creative Chemistry Class.

Network TV At A Glance:

White House-Fallen Soldiers Call – 8 minutes, 15 seconds

Opioid Epidemic – 6 minutes, 25 seconds

Syria-Raqqa Assault – 6 minutes, 15 seconds

Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal – 4 minutes, 50 seconds

Ford Explorers-Call For Recall – 4 minutes, 20 seconds

Travel Restriction Blocked – 1 minute, 20 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:

ABC: Travel Restriction Blocked; Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; NFL Owners Meeting; Maryland-Hate Crime Trial; Wall Street News.

CBS: Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; Travel Restriction Blocked; Opioid Epidemic; White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; California Wildfires.

FOX: Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; California Wildfires; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal.

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Last Laughs:

LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

Jimmy Kimmel: "They have a policy where if an animal escapes a slaughterhouse, it gets to go free. Isn't that great? The bull is being sent to a rehabilitation facility for misbehaving cows. That's the good news. The bad news is it is also where they sent Harvey Weinstein."

Trevor Noah: "Speaking of hairy creatures, yesterday President Trump held a surprise press conference with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, which is kind of the worst surprise ever. 'Surprise, I brought Mitch McConnell!' Boo! What kind of surprise party is [with] Mitch McConnell?"

Trevor Noah: "I don't know, something's fishy here. They sound less like real friends and more like Trump trying to get Mitch a green card. 'This gentleman, I'm going to say Mitch, right, Mr. Immigration Officer, this relationship is special, it's so special.' 'That's what you said about Melania.'"

Trevor Noah: "See what [President Trump] said? 'President Obama never called. I call and I write. I also haven't called and I didn't write. But I do, except when I don't, which is now.'"

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LEADING THE NEWS

Senators Reach Bipartisan Agreement To Fund ACA Subsidy Payments.

The New York Times (10/17, Kaplan, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on its front page that Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) "have reached a bipartisan deal to provide funding for critical subsidies to health insurers that President Trump said last week that he would cut off," Alexander said on Tuesday. This agreement aims "to stabilize health insurance markets under the Affordable Care Act." Under the agreement, "the subsidies would be funded for two years, a step that would provide at least short-term certainty to insurers." The article says Trump called the deal a "short term" solution.

USA Today (10/17, Jackson, 8.62M) reports that Trump again criticized the ACA on Tuesday, saying, "Obamacare is a disgrace to our nation. ... We are solving the problem of Obamacare." He also said the ACA was "dead" in his opinion. But after being told about the bipartisan deal, Trump said lawmakers "are working together and I know very much what they're doing, OK?"

In a front-page article, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, A1, Armour, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) quotes Alexander as saying, "Sen. Murray and I have an agreement. ... Democrats feel like there are protections there...at the same time we give significant flexibility to states."

The AP (10/17, Fram) reports that Trump "spoke favorably about the bipartisan compromise, which is still likely to face opposition in Congress." Alexander added that Trump had been encouraging, and that he "likes this idea." The article says that although the deal "is a breakthrough, they still need to secure the support of fellow Republicans and Democrats." The piece adds that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) "was noncommittal, while Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., welcomed the agreement as a step forward that will provide stability for insurance markets in the short-term."

On its front page, the Washington Post (10/17, A1, Sullivan, Eilperin, 10.38M) reports "Republican leaders did not immediate[ly] endorse the Alexander-Murray framework, raising new questions about whether it would find any traction." The article adds that for now, "many Republican senators are distancing themselves from the emerging Alexander-Murray plan."

Bloomberg News (10/17, Edney, Wasson, Litvan, 4.52M) reports that if the proposal "becomes law, it could end a chaotic week that saw the White House move to dismantle parts of the Affordable Care Act even as Trump took credit for pushing lawmakers to work out the fixes."

Reuters (10/17, Abutaleb, Cowan) reports that Murray said about the deal, "We are ironing out a few of the last details right now but I am very optimistic that we will be able to make an announcement with all the details very soon." For his part, Alexander stated, "This takes care of the next two years." He added, "This is a small step. I'd like to undersell it, not oversell it."

Also covering the story are ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 2, 2:35, Muir, 14.63M), NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 2, 0:30, Holt, 16.61M), USA Today (10/17, Berry, 8.62M) in a second story, the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Levey, Mascaro, 4.49M), the Washington Times (10/17, Boyer, 541K), the New York Post (10/17,

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Mark Walker Calls Bipartisan Deal "An Affront To GOP Promises To Repeal" ACA. The Hill (10/17, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that in response to the announcement about the bipartisan deal, Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC), chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee in the House, dismissed it "as an affront to GOP promises to repeal President Obama's signature legislation." Walker said, "Anything propping [ObamaCare] up is only saving what Republicans promised to dismantle."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports that Walker tweeted, "The GOP should focus on repealing & replacing Obamacare, not trying to save it. ... This bailout is unacceptable."

In a separate article, the Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports that Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) "shrugged off criticism from House conservatives Tuesday that it was a 'bailout.'" He said, "I appreciated President Trump's encouragement and his recommendation that it was important to continue the cost-sharing payments for two years in order to avoid harming millions of Americans. ... That is kind of comment that I welcome, and I think his support is important."

Another article in The Hill (10/17, Roubein, 1.68M) also covers the story.

Heritage Foundation Fellow Slams Bipartisan Deal To Fund ACA Subsidy Payments. The Hill (10/17, Greenwood, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Ed Haislmaier, a senior research fellow in healthcare policy for the Heritage Foundation, "ripped a bipartisan deal...that would provide funding for" ACA subsidy payments to insurers. He stated, "For Congress, the most important thing is to recognize that funding the cost sharing reduction subsidies – as many are now calling for – would prop up the subsidized ObamaCare exchange market, but would do absolutely nothing to stabilize the broader, unsubsidized individual market."

Mark Meadows Calls Bipartisan Deal A" Good Start." The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, "said more work needs to be done to get conservatives to support a bipartisan Senate deal to extend critical ObamaCare payments to insurers, but he called it a starting point." Meadows is quoted as saying, "There are elements in the Alexander-Murray plan that we can build on, but much more work needs to be done." He characterized the agreement as a "good start."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, Weaver, 465K) also covers the story.

Connecticut Lawmakers Praise Bipartisan Deal. The Connecticut Mirror (10/17, Radelat) reports that the bipartisan deal "would also restore $106 million in funding for advertising and marketing of the Affordable Care Act that helps people enroll in insurance plans." Commenting on the agreement, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) said, "This bipartisan agreement is a victory for American patients and consumers, showing how we can work together across party lines. ... Extending payments for critical healthcare subsidies ensures that countless Americans will retain access to their healthcare, in spite of the president's repeated attempts to sabotage insurance markets." Meanwhile, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) "called the agreement 'good news.'"

THE SECRETARY IN THE NEWS

Trump May Be Considering Alex Azar To Replace Price As HHS Secretary, Sources Say. Politico (10/17, Restuccia, Johnson, Karlin-Smith, Dawsey, 3.6M) reports President Trump "is leaning toward nominating Alex Azar, a former pharmaceutical industry executive and George W. Bush administration official, to serve as Health and Human Services secretary, according to two White House officials." If confirmed, Azar would replace former HHS Secretary Tom Price who resigned last month following criticism about his use of private jets and military planes. The article adds that according to several unnamed sources, other possible candidates for the post, including CMS Administrator Seema Verma and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, "are no longer under consideration."

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Reuters (10/17, Walsh) reports that Azar served as "deputy secretary at HHS during the administration of President George W. Bush before joining drugmaker Eli Lilly and Co, first as senior vice president of corporate affairs and communications, and later as president of Lilly USA, its U.S. affiliate."

The Washington Post (10/17, Eilperin, Goldstein, 10.38M) reports that "both of the HHS secretaries for whom Azar worked are supporting him for the position." Mike Leavitt on Tuesday said Azar was "an experienced, competent conservative who is confirmable." Tommy Thompson praised Azar's "record of proven competence" and combination of private- and public-sector management and "deep substantive health-care knowledge."

The New York Daily News (10/17, Silverstein, 3.61M) reports that while Azar has experience working at HHS, he spent most of the last decade "working for the same drug industry he would be expected to oversee while leading the department."

The Hill (10/17, Savransky, 1.68M) the Washington Times (10/17, Persons, 541K), the Indianapolis Star (10/17, Groppe, 479K), and the Indianapolis Business Journal (10/17, 37K) also cover the story.

Trump Says He Will Nominate A New HHS Secretary Soon. The AP (10/17) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump said he is "'more than close' to naming a new health and human services secretary." He added that if his choice for HHS Secretary is confirmed, "it will be...fantastic."

Democratic Lawmakers Want Trump Administration To Justify Decision To End ACA Subsidy Payments. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Leonard, 465K) reports that on Tuesday, congressional Democrats "demanded that the Trump administration justify its decision to end insurer payments, accusing him of doing so not for legal reasons, but to 'sabotage' Obamacare." They wrote to President Trump and Acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan, seeking "documentation to show which factors were considered in Trump's decision to end the payments, known as cost-sharing reduction, or CSR, subsidies." The lawmakers "asked for any analyses that were conducted, including what impact his decision would have on health insurance costs, access to coverage, and federal spending."

HHS IN THE NEWS

Trump Administration Reportedly Preventing Undocumented Minors Who Were Raped From Obtaining Abortions. The Huffington Post (10/17, Foley, 5.74M) reports, "Many undocumented immigrant girls seeking safety in the United States are raped during their journeys," but when "they arrive, they are put in custody of a government that is now obstructing access to abortion." The article says earlier this year, the Trump Administration implemented new rules "to prevent undocumented minors in government custody from getting abortions. Since March, the government has required shelters to get its approval before releasing girls for abortion-related services – approval that officials have refused to grant." The piece adds that officials are demanding that "minors be sent to crisis pregnancy centers that discourage them from seeking abortions, and at times have intervened directly to discourage girls from terminating their pregnancies." The Office of Refugee Resettlement said in a statement, "There is no constitutional right for a pregnant minor to illegally cross the U.S. border and get an elective abortion while in federal custody."

Undocumented Immigrant Minor Files Another Lawsuit Seeking Permission For An Abortion. The Washington Post (10/17, Sacchetti, Somashekhar, 10.38M) reports, "The American Civil Liberties Union is accusing the Trump administration of illegally blocking a 17-year-old Central American immigrant from having an abortion and will urge a federal judge in Washington on Wednesday to clear the way for her and other young immigrants to terminate their pregnancies."

The Dallas Morning News (10/17, Wang, 984K) reports that "Jane Doe," a 17-year-old undocumented and unaccompanied immigrant in Texas, has filed another lawsuit seeking permission for an abortion. The article explains that Doe's previous lawsuit was dismissed, but that she has filed another federal lawsuit in a different court against the heads of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration for Children and Families, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The American Civil Liberties Union is representing Doe in the

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lawsuit, and "has requested a temporary restraining order to allow Doe to have an abortion."

The New York Daily News (10/17, Cullen, 3.61M) reports that the Administration for Children and Families said in a statement that under federal law, the Office of Refugee Resettlement can "decide what is in the best interests of a minor in the unaccompanied alien children program and, in this case, her unborn baby."

The Daily Caller (10/17, Carr, 521K) reports that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said that ruling in favor of Doe would "create a right to abortion for anyone on earth who enters the US illegally. And with that right, countless others undoubtedly would follow. Texas must not become a sanctuary state for abortions." CNN (10/17, Levenson, Burnside, 33.59M) also covers the story.

HHS To Hold National Conference On Small Business Grants In Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (10/17, Hauer, 628K) reports the Department of Health and Human Services will hold a national conference on the Small Business Innovation and Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grants in Milwaukee from November 7 to November 9. During the conference, "around 100 program managers from" the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of Health will be in Milwaukee, and "attendees will be able to meet one-on-one with the program managers to learn how to submit successful applications." Walter Koroshetz, the director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, will give one of the keynote addresses at the conference.

Benefits Of Implementing Value-Based Care In Question. STAT (10/17, 43K) reports that "the implementation of value-based care is a flop so far," as "costs have continued to skyrocket," Medicare "has lost money on accountable care organizations," and "forecasted quality gains have not materialized." The article explains that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Director Seema Verma has begun "began soliciting new ideas last month for changing how care is delivered and paid for by the government." According to STAT, Verma's request "charted a new course for the agency's innovation center, saying it wants to cut red tape, empower consumers, and 'allow physicians and other providers to focus on providing high-quality healthcare to their patients.'"

Opinion: HHS Should Use Emergency Prescription Assistance Program To Help Those Affected By Recent Hurricanes. Brian Nyquist, the executive director of the National Infusion Center Association, writes in an opinion piece in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the Department of Health and Human Services should enact the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program to help those who are struggling to obtain their prescriptions because of recent hurricanes. Nyquist explains that "the program provides a mechanism for more than 70,000 enrolled retail pharmacies nationwide to process claims for certain kinds of prescription drugs, specific medical supplies, vaccines and some forms of medical equipment for uninsured individuals in a federally-identified disaster area."

Indian Health Service Defends Contract Awarded To Former NextCare CEO. "The federal Indian Health Service agency is defending a contract it awarded" in September to Arizona-based Tribal Emergency Medicine, "whose CEO formerly led a firm that paid $10 million to settle allegations of submitting false claims to government health programs," the AP (10/17) reports. "Tribal Emergency Medicine CEO John Shufeldt previously led NextCare Inc., a multistate chain of urgent-care clinics," the article explains. In 2009, a former employee filed a lawsuit against NextCare "on behalf of the U.S. government alleging the company conducted hundreds of unnecessary allergy and respiratory tests on patients and then submitted bills for the tests to government programs. ... The lawsuit also alleged the company inflated billings as part of a practice known as upcoding."

Health Experts Call For Changes To Food Environment As CDC Research Shows Rising Obesity Rates. With obesity rates in the US at "a new high," public health experts are calling for "an aggressive shift in strategy – one that would change the food environment through initiatives such as soda taxes," USA Today (10/17, Toy, 8.62M) reports. Traditional "public health efforts have centered on

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communicating messages about what is healthy in the hopes of changing people's behavior," but new research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics shows a steady increase in obesity rates among US adults, up from 30.5 percent in 1999-2000 to 39.8 percent in 2015-2016. The article cites "Craig Hales, the study's lead researcher and a medical epidemiologist at the CDC," and notes that "physician Jerome Adams, who was sworn in as surgeon general in August, on Monday cited obesity as among the Department of Health and Human Services' three top priorities," with the other two being mental health and addiction.

Brennan: NLM Is A "Safe Harbor" For Information. STAT (10/17, Blau, 43K) interviews National Library of Medicine Director Patricia Brennan, who discusses efforts to improve the accessibility of data. "The library is a safe harbor for information," Brennan told STAT. "We are counted on to openly curate the important health knowledge of an era – and preserve it across eras." Brennan insists that the NLM, part of the National Institutes of Health, "has not received any directive to restrict our information or change the information we have available," unlike other agencies which have restricted public access to certain information under the Trump Administration. "I have a buffer between me and the political," she said during a recent talk to journalists at the NLM, referring to Dr. Francis Collins, head of the NIH, an Obama appointee who has kept his job under the new Administration.

Opinion: US Should Fund More Research On How To Care For People With Alzheimer's Disease. Rob Egge, the chief public policy officer of the Alzheimer's Association, writes in an opinion piece in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that "this week, leading experts in dementia care and services are gathered at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the National Research Summit on Care, Services and Supports for Persons with Dementia and Their Caregivers." Egge argues that while funding for research to prevent or cure Alzheimer's disease is crucial, the federal government should also fund research on how to better care for those already living with the disease.

More Researchers Keeping Primates In Shared Cages Rather Than Alone. The NPR (10/17, Greenfieldboyce, 2.4M) "Shots" blog reports that more researchers are keeping primates in shared cages rather than alone. According to a survey, the percentage of research labs that kept primates in cages alone decreased from 59% in 2003 to 35% in 2014. The article reports that the National Institutes of Health's Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare's Guide for the Care and Use Of Laboratory Animals says shared cages should be the "default" for primates.

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Trump Calls On Congress To Fix "ObamaCare Mess" At Heritage Foundation Event. The Hill (10/17, Bowden, 1.68M) reports President Donald Trump told a conservative gathering at the Heritage Foundation that he "commends" the bipartisan legislation negotiated by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to stabilize the healthcare system and said Congress should fix the "ObamaCare mess." Trump also said, "I'm pleased that Democrats have finally responded to my call for them to take responsibility for their ObamaCare disaster and work with Republicans to provide much needed relief to the American people." The Hill adds that "the bipartisan deal got a cold shoulder from Republicans on Tuesday, suggesting it faces a rocky path to become law."

President Trump May Have To Lobby For Bipartisan Healthcare Deal. Politico (10/17, Haberkorn, Cancryn, 3.6M) reports that a bipartisan deal negotiated between Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to stabilize health insurance markets may rely on President Trump's support. The President praised the legislation as "a very good solution" Tuesday, but also said later to the Heritage Foundation, "While I commend the bipartisan work done by Sens. Alexander and Murray – and I do commend it – I continue to believe Congress must find a solution to the Obamacare mess instead of providing bailouts to insurance companies." Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD) said, "The fact that the president has indicated a real interest in seeing a bipartisan fix like this move forward for a short-term fix is critical." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell added that a vote has not been

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scheduled on the legislation, saying, "We haven't had a chance to think about the way forward yet."

Trump Says Senate GOP Will Resume Work On ACA Repeal Bill After Tax Reform. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Morrongiello, 465K) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump predicted that "Senate Republicans will return to healthcare reform as soon as Congress passes tax cuts, claiming GOP leaders still have the votes to pass a bill that would redirect federal funding for Obamacare to the states." He is quoted as saying, "We are very close." The article says Trump also endorsed the bipartisan deal that seeks to shore up ACA marketplaces.

U.S. News & World Report (10/17, 1.73M) also covers the story.

Trump Blames Dems For Premium Hikes For ACA Plans. The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump "blamed Democrats for any premium spikes for ObamaCare plans, even as key senators announced a bipartisan deal aimed at saving the insurance markets from actions taken by the administration." Trump tweeted, "Any increase in ObamaCare premiums is the fault of the Democrats for giving us a 'product' that never had a chance of working."

Sens. Bennet, Kaine Unveil Proposal To Add Public Option To ACA. The Hill (10/17, Sullivan, 1.68M) reports that on Tuesday, Sens. Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) unveiled a bill which seeks "to add a government-run 'public option' plan to ObamaCare, modeled on Medicare." The article says the proposal, "part of a long-running debate in the Democratic Party about how far to go in expanding government-run health insurance, would move ObamaCare to the left, but does not go as far as Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) 'Medicare for all' plan." The piece adds that rather than eliminate the ACA and replace with Medicare for everyone, this bill "would provide an option modeled on Medicare as a choice alongside private plans offered through the existing ObamaCare system."

Some States, Insurers Scrambling To Raise Rates Following Trump's Decision To End ACA Subsidy Payments. Carolyn Y. Johnson writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "Wonkblog" that state insurance regulators and insurers "scrambled to raise premiums for insurance plans sold on the Affordable Care Act exchanges Monday, after the White House announced it was ending key federal subsidy payments." The piece says some insurers are only now raising prices following President Trump's decision to end ACA subsidy payments. However, in several states, "insurance companies had already priced in a possible end of CSRs to their rate requests, anticipating President Trump's move."

Senate GOP's Slim Majority Threatened By The Age And Illnesses Of Certain Lawmakers. The AP (10/17, Fram) reports, "Top Republicans coping with a razor-thin majority in the Senate as they try pushing a partisan agenda are running smack into another complication – the sheer age and health issues of some senators." The article adds that Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), aged 79, returned to Washington, DC on Tuesday "after a month of treatment at home. A statement said he still had urological issues and his treatment 'could affect his work schedule.'" The piece also mentions Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), 81, who is receiving treatment for brain cancer, and says that in July, the Senate delayed a vote to repeal the ACA for a week so that McCain could participate.

Sens. Toomey, Cotton Unveil New Bill To Exempt Certain People From ACA's Individual Mandate. The Hill (10/17, Weixel, 1.68M) reports Sens. Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Tom Cotton (R-AR) have unveiled legislation that "would exempt certain people from ObamaCare's requirement that everyone must purchase health insurance or pay a fine." The lawmakers said the ACA's individual mandate is "cruel," and "they want to exempt working class Americans from the requirement." The measure "would exempt anyone who earns less than the national median household income; lives in a state where the average premium increased by more than 10 percent year over year; or anyone who lives in a county with only one insurer."

Insurers May Lose About $1 Billion During The Remainder Of 2017 If ACA Subsidy Payments End, Analysis

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Indicates. The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports a new analysis conducted by Avalere Health indicates ACA plans "will post losses of up to $1 billion for the rest of 2017 due to President Trump's decision to cut off insurer payments." These losses differ "from state to state, with North Dakota plans losing the least with $1.2 million for the rest of 2017 and Florida losing the most with $200 million." The article says the analysis highlights the impact of Trump's decision, and the possible effect on ACA insurers if Congress fails to take action.

Federal Funding For Indiana's ACA Navigators Cut By 82%. The Indianapolis Star (10/17, Rudavsky, 479K) reports the Trump Administration recently cut "funds to support its Navigator program, which helps consumers find coverage through the marketplace and enroll for Medicaid." The move deeply impacted Indiana, which "saw an 82 percent cut in its funding, going from $1.6 million in 2016 to $296,704 for 2017." The article says these decreases have caused concern that people will be unable to find assistance to enroll in ACA plans. The piece adds, however, that in many cases, "federally qualified health centers have their own navigators and other entities also support individuals who can assist with enrollment."

Pittsburgh, Erie Roman Catholic Dioceses Settle Lawsuits Over ACA's Contraception Mandate. The AP (10/17, Mandak) reports, "The Pittsburgh and Erie Roman Catholic dioceses have settled lawsuits seeking to overturn an Affordable Care Act mandate that would have forced them to provide contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs or services as part of their employee health care plans." Earlier this month, the Trump Administration announced it was rescinding the ACA's contraception mandate, and issued new rules which "broadened 'conscience protections' to include nonprofits and certain other businesses that claim a moral objection to contraception or abortion, even if it's not religious-based." The article says the US Supreme Court had ordered the plaintiffs and the US government to settle the suits, and on Tuesday, Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik, the lead plaintiff in the case, announced the settlement, saying that it "restores religious freedom granted by the First Amendment."

Democratic Candidates In Minnesota's Gubernatorial Race Unanimously Support Single-Payer Healthcare System. The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (10/17, Stassen, 527K) reports that as debate over the fate of the ACA continues, "Minnesota Democrats who would be governor are near united in their prescriptions: Universal and single-payer is the way forward." The article says during a recent debate, "the half-dozen Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidates gave nods to supporting universal health care." Four of them "proudly said they supported a single-payer health care model, meaning a publicly financed system."

North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Says He Will Not Allow More Rate Hikes For ACA Plans. The AP (10/17, Nicholson) reports that on Tuesday, North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread said "he will deny any additional rate increases" for ACA plans being offered for 2018. Godfread warned last week that President Trump's decision to end ACA subsidy payments to insurers could raise rates by up to 10 percent. On Tuesday, Godfread wrote to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, Medica and Sanford Health Plan, saying he would not allow any more increases. He stated that "this is an issue that is between insurance carriers and the federal government," and that it was his "duty to look out for those consumers who have had to absorb multiple rounds of increases to their health insurance premiums without receiving any assistance from the federal government."

Centene Raises Premiums In Arkansas By 21.4 Percent. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette (10/17, Davis, 319K) reports that Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) said additional premium increases for plans on the state's exchange will have a "minimal impact" on the cost of the state's expanded Medicaid program. Due to the increases, "the state will pay higher premiums next year to provide coverage under Arkansas Works," but the costs are likely to be offset by the elimination of cost-sharing reduction payments. The article explains that Centene has raised its average premium in the state by 21.4 percent.

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Celtic Insurance/MHS To Raise Average ACA Plan Premiums In Indiana By 35.7 Percent. The Indianapolis Business Journal (10/17, 37K) reports that Celtic Insurance Co./MHS is increasing its average premiums for ACA exchange by 35.7 percent to $496 per month. The article points out that the company "is one of two insurers that have committed to the Obamacare exchanges for Indiana next year."

New Jersey Regulators Approve Premium Increases For Individual ACA Plans. The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Brubaker, 1.71M) reports that the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance approved average rate increases for individual ACA plans for next year. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey will increase rates 24.3 percent and AmeriHealth New Jersey rates will rise by 17.1 percent. The Inquirer adds, "Were it not for uncertainty over federal policy, such as the elimination of payments to insurers to cover out-of-pocket costs for consumers and weakened enforcement of the requirement that individuals buy health insurance, the increases would have been significantly lower, Horizon said."

The AP (10/17) reports that AmeriHealth has expanded its service and will offer plans in 13 of the state's 21 counties under the new rates next year.

Massachusetts State Senators Propose Wide-Ranging Healthcare Reform Bill. The AP (10/17, Salsberg) reports Massachusetts Senate leaders filed a bill Tuesday to which "aims to squeeze out between $475 million and $525 million in overall health care savings by 2020." The "wide-ranging proposal" includes provisions to "curb price increases for prescription drugs, reduce the number of unnecessary visits to hospital emergency rooms and smooth out vast disparities between payments made to smaller community hospitals and their large Boston counterparts." The AP reports that the measure is "likely to undergo changes as it makes its way through the legislative process."

Vermont Joins Lawsuit Against Trump To Maintain ACA Subsidies. VTDigger (VT) (10/17, Mansfield, 3K) reports Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan announced Tuesday that his state will join a lawsuit along with 17 other states and DC against President Trump over his "decision to cut off federal health insurance subsidies designed to help low-income sick people." Donovan explained, "There's got to be some sort of process here. ... You just can't say one day, 'We're going to stop making these payments from the federal government.' That would be too arbitrary. It comes down to process." The article reports that 13,000 Vermont residents receive federal cost-sharing reduction subsidies.

Senate Healthcare Bill Could Rescue MinnesotaCare Funding Cuts. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (10/17, Brooks, 1.27M) reports that the bipartisan legislation proposed by Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) clarifies that lowering premiums in the state insurance marketplace, as Minnesota has done, will not cause a reduction in federal healthcare subsidies. The measure is in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service's decision on the state's ACA waiver application, which determined that the state would lose $742 million in funding for its MinnesotaCare program. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) said, "They want to encourage things like what Minnesota did," adding, "What we did was set a path for other states to do the same thing, and if you cut us off, you cut off other states."

McCain, Murkowski Say They Support Bipartisan Healthcare Deal. The Hill (10/17, Carney, 1.68M) reports Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) both gave their support behind a bipartisan healthcare bill Tuesday. McCain said, "While this deal certainly doesn't solve all the problems caused by Obamacare, it shows that good faith, bipartisan negotiations can achieve consensus on lasting reform. ... I look forward to voting in support of this bill." Murkowski called it a "short-term deal" and added that it was "an important step as we work towards long-term solutions." The Hill added, however, that it is "not clear if the Alexander-Murray deal can get the 60 votes needed in the Senate, much less win over the more conservative House GOP caucus."

Bipartisan Healthcare Deal Includes Provisions For Democrats And Republicans. The Wall Street Journal (10/17,

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Hackman, Mathews, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) examines the compromise between Democrats and Republicans in the healthcare proposal announced Tuesday by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA). The Journal observes that Democrats secured restored funding for cost-sharing payments for two years and funding for ACA outreach, while Republicans added increased flexibility for waivers and catastrophic plans.

Sen. Johnson To Question OPM Nominees On Congressional Healthcare Contributions. Roll Call (10/17, Lesniewski, 134K) reports Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman, plans to question nominees for the Office of Personnel Management Wednesday on the agency's policy of paying "employer contributions for members of Congress and staffers who were moved from the Federal Employee Health Benefits system to the District of Columbia exchange set up under" the ACA. The nominees, Jeff T.H. Pon for director and Michael Rigas for deputy director, were informed that the committee sought documents regarding that topic as part of the confirmation process. Johnson added, "I've already spoken to both the nominee for director and for the deputy director. ... They're fully aware of it, and you can expect that question coming up in the hearing tomorrow as well."

Key Questions Surround The Senate's Bipartisan Healthcare Proposal. The Washington Examiner (10/18, King, Leonard, 465K) examines some key questions about the bipartisan plan circulated by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA). The piece discusses whether the plan could pass in the House given the Republican Study Committee's tweet that the deal was a "bailout," and whether the President will support it. The Examiner also assesses how states will benefit from the measure, including whether 2018 rates will be affected, and the piece asks whether the Administration might delay open enrollment which is set to start November 1.

Commentary Considers Health Reform. Several outlets offer opinions on health reform.

Matt O'Brien writes for the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "Wonkblog" that President Trump is taking a "three-pronged approach to undermining Obamacare" which includes cutting back on outreach, letting people buy "bare-bones coverage" again, and "pulling the plug on Obamacare's cost-sharing reduction payments." O'Brien discusses Trump's statements in support of a bipartisan bill that would continue the CSRs, but concludes, "The only thing that is clear is that right now Trump is threatening to take steps to make insurance more expensive and markets less stable than they were before."

Brian Balogh writes in a Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) piece that last week, President Trump again sought to erase "his biggest humiliation since taking office: the failure to repeal and replace Obamacare." The executive order he signed includes a provision to expand access to "Association Health Plans." Balogh wonders if Trump understands what comprises an association, and adds, "We really can't blame the president for not knowing the scope of associations, though. Few Americans understand how associations affect every facet of their daily lives."

Aaron Blake writes for the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "The Fix" blog that President Trump first justified his decision to stop paying ACA subsidies to insurers because the insurance companies were "getting rich" off of them, pointing to their stock prices. Blake adds that Trump was "cherry-picking his data" from the date the ACA passed, not when it was "actually implemented," and leaves out the fact that insurers are "generally taking losses from their Affordable Care Act plans." The piece concludes, "Very little of it makes sense, and coming from a president who seemed to vacillate daily on what he wanted from an Obamacare replacement, it suggests Trump doesn't really have a game plan or understanding of how all of this works."

Joshua Jamerson writes in a Wall Street Journal (10/17, 6.45M) "WashWire" piece that President Trump has indicated he would sign a bipartisan effort to shore up ACA marketplaces. Jamerson adds that Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) are working on such a measure. It would authorize funding for ACA subsidy payments to insurers, and provide states with more flexibility to reshape the healthcare law.

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Bloomberg View (10/17, 4.52M) editorializes that the bipartisan agreement reached by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) to shore up the health insurance system is "exactly the kind of rational compromise that Washington needs more of." The editorial urges President Trump to "get his own party, especially in the House of Representatives, to help pass it." The piece concludes that "by demonstrating how readily the law can be tweaked in productive ways that appeal to both Democrats and Republicans, it could begin to lay a bipartisan foundation for the U.S. health-care system."

Michael Katz, a pediatric anesthesiologist, writes in The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the healthcare debate in Washington is "missing a fundamental point: the real problem with American health care is the fundamentally flawed business structure underlying its delivery." Katz explains that the "system is exceptionally good at caring for the very sick, injured and dying but poorly equipped to promote a healthy society and the healthy lifestyles that consume less care." The piece recommends that the President and Congress enact policies to "develop a consolidated and integrated health system" and concludes that we need leaders who recognize "our society's moral obligation to achieve health equality."

David O. Barbe, President of the American Medical Association, writes in the U.S. News & World Report (10/17, 1.73M) that the Trump Administration's "decision to end cost-sharing reduction payments not only disrupts the health insurance market, but contradicts many of the health reform priorities expressed this year by both the president and members of Congress." The decision will "not increase competition or consumer choice" of health insurance plans, will "cause average premiums to rise by 20 percent in 2018," and will "increase the federal deficit by $194 billion from 2017 through 2026," according to Congressional Budget Office analyses. Barbe concludes, "Clearly, the recent action taken by the administration has created a crisis point where partisan differences must be set aside in favor of a bipartisan agreement to maintain the stability of the non-group insurance market place" and that "our patients are counting on Congress to do the right thing."

The New York Daily News (10/18, 3.61M) editorializes that the bipartisan legislation authored by Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) is a "modest bill" that is a "no-brainer fix." The piece observes that the bill is a "bipartisan remedy" to a "health-insurance crisis of the President's own making – restoring subsidies that enable insurance companies to offer plans with affordable copays, and taking other steps to stabilize, not sabotage, Obamacare markets." Despite being a "no-brainer," the piece says that it has no "guarantee that it has any chance of passage in the Republican-controlled House."

John Stoehr, in a U.S. News & World Report (10/17, 1.73M) column, calls for "constitutional conservatives" to recognize that President Trump's announcement to end payments to health insurers that help cover out-of-pocket costs for low-income Americans "is actual tyranny." The piece discusses the Anti-Federalist papers during the founding era which "understood a nation is a social contract." The column concludes that "self-described constitutional conservatives are not considering the fullness of the Constitution" and "are focusing on one vital aspect – which is that Congress has the power of the purse – while overlooking another vital aspect – which is the goal of protecting and defending against the state of nature."

Abbe Gluck, professor at Yale Law School's Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy, writes for Vox (10/17, 1.54M) that "Modern American history has never seen as full-scale an effort to sabotage a valid law as we have with President Trump and the Affordable Care Act." The "intentional, multi-pronged sabotage of the ACA ... violates both Trump's constitutional obligations and quite possibly the obligations of his Department of Health and Human Services." Gluck adds that the Constitution requires the President to "take Care that the laws be faithfully executed," and concludes, "The president has a right not to like the ACA. But so long as it is the law of the land, he does not have the right to undermine it through the use of executive power."

Jay Bookman writes in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (10/17, 1.16M) that when President Trump claims that "Obamacare is finished," what he means is that he "is ensuring that the program helps as few Americans as possible, at as high a cost as possible to taxpayers, in hopes that by inflicting a lot of pain he can destroy the program's growing popularity." Bookman continues, "Trump has taken a hostage with no real idea of what ransom he wants in return" because after more

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than two years, Trump has "offered up nothing in the form of a plan or a bill" – aside from what congressional Republicans "vomited forth." Bookman concludes that Trump's "'plan' is to cause as much chaos and pain to as many people as possible," and that he is "doing it because he can destroy, but he cannot build."

Eric Leenson and Dan Geiger, Co-Directors of the Business Alliance for a Healthy California, write in the San Diego Union-Tribune (10/17, 668K) that "small businesses are among the most negatively impacted by our nation's health care system's runaway costs and corporate insurance system." The column says that the Healthy California Act, SB 562, provides for Medicare-for-all and would especially benefit small businesses by "lowering overall health expenditures," "freeing businesses from the burden and expense of managing and paying for employees' health care," and "the stress of administering" health insurance plans. The piece concludes by quoting a former Cigna vice president, Wendell Potter, who said, "When businesses understand the benefits of single payer and speak out, there will be no stopping the movement for universal health care."

Daniel Hemel, assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School, in an op-ed in the Washington Post, reprinted in the Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (10/17, 553K), calls for states to seize the "opportunity to restore order to their insurance markets" following President Trump's announcement his Administration will not pay ACA subsidies. The states can make those subsidy payments themselves, encouraging "insurers to stay on the exchanges rather than rushing to the exits," then sue the Department of Health and Human Services for reimbursement. The states are likely to win such a suit, as "the Supreme Court has interpreted similar statutory language to require the federal government to make payments even in the absence of a congressional appropriation."

Ed Kilgore writes in the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (10/17, 519K) that "only legislation can bring back the payments that offset insurers' obligation under the Affordable Care Act to ensure that low-income consumers can buy an individual health-insurance policy without ruinous out-of-pocket expenses." While Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray's (D-WA) proposals had long included continuing cost-sharing reduction payments, their "negotiations were made both more urgent and more politically complicated last week when the president abruptly announced that he was canceling the payment" of the CSR reimbursements. Kilgore adds that the "main problem with this I-broke-it-so-Congress-can-fix-it approach is timing" because rates for 2018 have already been set and the "damage may already be done."

The Tulsa (OK) World (10/17, 320K) editorializes that President Trump's "most controversial move" to "halt federal payments for cost-sharing reductions that help millions of lower-income Americans afford coverage" has caused "concern for the viability of the 'Obamacare' marketplaces." The editorial adds that President Trump "owns the political consequences" of the decision. The World concludes that "if the cost of that insurance skyrockets and the availability disappears because of Trump's actions, the president will have a hard time blaming the implosion of Obamacare on Obama."

OPIOID NEWS

Rep. Marino Withdraws From Consideration For Drug Czar Position After Criticism. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 4, 0:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported, "President Trump says his nominee to be the next US drug czar is withdrawing from consideration for the job."

The CBS Evening News (10/17, lead story, 1:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported that "Congressman Tom Marino [R-PA] withdrew under pressure today as President Trump's nominee to be drug czar" following a television report revealing his "role in legislation that makes it easier for drug companies to distribute opioids in the midst of an epidemic that's claiming thousands of lives."

The New York Times (10/18, A19, Baker, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "The collapse of Mr. Marino's nomination highlighted the Trump administration's troubles formulating a response to a crisis that the president has called unlike any" other in the history of the US.

The Washington Post (10/17, Gearan, Bernstein, Higham, O'Keefe, 10.38M) reports Trump announced the withdrawal of Rep. Tom Marino's nomination as the head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The article points out that the announcement follows a Washington Post/"60 Minutes" investigation that found Marino had "helped steer legislation in Congress making it harder for the Drug Enforcement Administration

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to act against giant drug companies." The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Lauter, 4.49M) reports Trump said that "we're going to be looking into" Marino's actions.

Reuters (10/17, Lynch, Brice) reports that "the legislation championed by Marino...was the product of a drug industry quest to weaken the US Drug Enforcement Administration's authority to stem the flow of painkillers to the black market." The article reports that "the law made it almost impossible for the DEA to freeze suspicious shipments of narcotics to prevent them from reaching the street."

The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports after the investigation's findings were released, many members of Congress called for his nomination to be withdrawn and praised the President after he made the announcement. The AP (10/17, Superville, Daly) reports Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) said that she will introduce legislation to repeal the law. The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Whelan, 1.71M) reports Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) are leading an effort to repeal the bill in the House. Fitzpatrick said in a press release, "This legislation is about righting a wrong and upholding our commitment to keep our constituents safe."

The Hill (10/17, Savransky, Roubein, 1.68M) points out that several agencies that "play a role in the federal response to the opioid epidemic" lack Senate-confirmed leaders, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the DEA.

Also covering the story are Politico (10/17, Ehley, 3.6M), the Washington Examiner (10/17, Giaritelli, 465K), the ABC News (10/17, Stracqualursi, 2.83M) website, CNN (10/17, Vazquez, 33.59M), Bloomberg News (10/17, Olorunnipa, 4.52M), NPR (10/17, Chappell, 2.4M), The Atlantic (10/16, Berman, 1.64M), the New York Daily News (10/17, Silverstein, 3.61M), and the Allentown (PA) Morning Call (10/17, Olson, 312K).

Columnist: Withdrawal Of Marino Nomination Is Another Obstacle To Addressing The Opioid Crisis. Dan Janison writes in his column in Newsday (NY) (10/17, Janison, 1.64M) that the White House is facing "hurdles on the path to solutions" for the opioid crisis. Janison argues that the controversy surrounding Marino's nomination to head the DEA is one of those obstacles for the Trump Administration.

Commentaries Address Opioid Crisis, Marino's Withdrawal. A USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) editorial is critical of the President's delay in addressing the opioid epidemic, saying he said "he would declare the emergency" over the summer, "but didn't follow through." USA Today says both Congress and the President need to do more, and in the wake of Rep. Tom Marino's withdrawal Tuesday as Trump's nominee to lead the ONDCP, the editorial urges Trump to nominate "a public health expert, not a politician."

John M. Gray, president and CEO of the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, argues in USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) that the 2016 law which prompted Marino's withdrawal, known as the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act, was "a bipartisan, commonsense step forward to improve enforcement efforts and combat the opioid epidemic." He notes that it went into effect in April 2016, "well after the opioid epidemic took hold. Based on this timeline, the law had no bearing on any enforcement slowdown that occurred in prior years, as alleged by the reporting."

Trump Says He'll Formally Declare National Emergency To Combat Opioid Epidemic Next Week.

USA Today (10/17, Korte, 8.62M) reports that after first promising "to declare a national emergency to confront the epidemic 68 days ago," President Trump "now says he'll formally declare that emergency next week, a two-month delay that he said underscores the 'time-consuming work' behind his administration's response to the crisis." Neither the White House nor the President "would explain what's holding up the proclamation, though Trump suggested that he's wading through uncharted waters."

DOJ To Consider Repeal Of Law Blocking DEA From Halting Opioid Shipments.

USA Today (10/17, Johnson, 8.62M) reports the Justice Department is weighing whether to seek a repeal of the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act, legislation passed in 2016 "that ultimately undermined law enforcement's ability to stop suspicious shipments of opioids that have been driving surges in overdose deaths across the country." That review follows "a joint investigation

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by The Washington Post and 60 Minutes" which found "that the federal Drug Enforcement Administration was essentially handcuffed by the law pushed by Rep. Tom Marino," President Trump's nominee to oversee national drug policy who has withdrawn his name from consideration in the wake of the investigation. Also reporting on the calls for review and repeal of the law are the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Bennett, Bierman, 4.49M), the Washington Times (10/17, Noble, 541K), and The Hill (10/17, Roubein, 1.68M).

Investigation Of Alleged Fentanyl Shipping Operation Leads To Multiple Indictments. The Oregonian (10/17, Bernstein, 878K) reports 38-year-old Jian Zhang has been "accused of shipping fentanyl from China into the United States, deliveries that resulted in multiple drug overdoses across the country, including four in Oregon in 2015." Along with Zhang, 20 other "people from China, Canada and the United States have been indicted" in connection with an alleged drug trafficking scheme that has been dubbed "Operation Denial." Members of the Portland High Intensity Drug Trafficking Interdiction Task Force have worked on the effort to bust the operation. The Oregonian mentions that DHS was involved in the investigation. The task force is not mentioned by NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 5, 1:40, Holt, 16.61M), the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/17, 831K), and the NPR (10/17, Lucas, 2.4M) website, which also highlight the indictment of Zhang and Xiaobing Yan, who are both Chinese nationals. NPR also mentions that HSI was involved in the investigation. NPR quotes Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein as saying, "For the first time, we have indicted major Chinese fentanyl traffickers who have been using the Internet to sell fentanyl and fentanyl analogues to drug traffickers and individual customers in the United States."

Opioid Crisis Causing Increase In Hepatitis C Cases. The Washington Post (10/17, Zezima, 10.38M) reports that "the rampant spread of hepatitis C" is another consequence of the national opioid crisis. The article reports that new cases of the disease "have nearly tripled nationwide in just a few years, driven largely by the use of needles among drug users in their 20s and 30s."

Hospitals Move Forward On Opioid Response Strategies Despite Lack Of Federal Funding. Ahead of President Trump's expected announcement declaring the opioid epidemic a national emergency, Modern Healthcare (10/17, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 238K) reports on the need for federal funding to address the issue, and how hospitals and health systems "say they're moving forward on strategies they have developed to respond to the crisis" even without that funding. One example cited in the article is Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, "a mental health and substance abuse treatment provider affiliated with Edward-Elmhurst Health system in the Chicago suburbs." According to Modern Healthcare, "Linden Oaks has deployed continuing education for clinicians to improve their prescribing habits," and "has also altered its electronic medical record system to automatically prescribe naloxone when patients are over a certain high-dose threshold on their opioid prescriptions. Clinicians can also look up information from the state's prescription drug-monitoring program within the EHR itself rather than having to go to an outside system."

PhRMA Calls For Repeal Of Law Limiting DEA's Opioid-Response Capabilities. The Hill (10/17, Delk, 1.68M) reports in its "Briefing Room" blog that the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) called Tuesday for the repeal of the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2016, which "has come under renewed scrutiny after a new joint report from the Washington Post and '60 Minutes' that pointed to the law as undercutting the Drug Enforcement Administration's ability to crackdown on the flow of the drugs into the market." In addition, PhRMA "urged Congress to reconsider the penalties for DEA-registered drug distributors who fail to ensure the safety of opioid distribution by reporting suspicious purchases of the drugs."

Healthcare Providers Seek Alternative Pain Treatments In Response To Opioid Epidemic. U.S. News & World Report (10/17, 1.73M) reports healthcare providers are responding to the nation's opioid epidemic, and the related rise in drug overdose deaths, by "aggressively turning to new approaches" for treating patients with chronic pain. "Emerging

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trends focus on improving physical and emotional health and counseling patients to realize their own role in relieving their pain, says Bhiken Naik, an anesthesiology and neurosurgery professor at the University of Virginia Health System," and the article notes that "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines published in 2016 recommend that physicians turn to cognitive behavioral therapy, exercise and patient education," along with alternative medications, before resorting to opioids. In line with that "growing focus on the possibility of a psychological component to pain that needs attention," the University of Virginia and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center "are both expanding their Enhanced Recovery After Surgery programs to treat surgery pain using as little opioid medication as possible."

Beaver County Becomes Third In Pennsylvania To Sue Pharmaceutical Companies Over Opioid Crisis. The AP (10/17) reports that Beaver County has become the third Pennsylvania county "to sue pharmaceutical companies for allegedly contributing to an opioid addiction crisis that has resulted in thousands of overdoses nationally in recent years." The county's lawsuit "against 14 drug companies and several doctors the county claims have contributed to 279 overdose deaths there since 2012" was announced on Oct. 16 by attorney Bob Peirce, Jr.

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HEALTHCARE NEWS

UnitedHealth Posts Higher Q3 Earnings, Beats Analysts' Expectations. The AP (10/17, Murphy) reports that on Tuesday, UnitedHealth Group posted a 26-percent increase in third-quarter earnings, beating Wall Street expectations. The largest insurer in the US "also raised its forecast for 2017 again, and signaled that it expects more growth next year." As a result, the company's shares "shot up past $200 to reach another all-time high after markets opened." Data show UnitedHealth added almost "1 million more customers compared to last year's quarter, largely due to growth in its Medicare and retirement business."

The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Prang, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that UnitedHealth said it earned $2.6 billion, or $2.66 per share for the third quarter, compared to $2.1 billion a year ago. The company anticipates total earnings of about $10 per share for this year. It raised its forecast from $9.75 to $9.90 per share from the previous quarter.

Reuters (10/17, Humer) reports that UnitedHealth expects earnings to grow by "13 to 16 percent in 2018 as medical costs remain low, even as it adjusts to new healthcare rules that U.S. President Donald Trump has promised to put in place." The article says UnitedHealth is considered "the bellwether for the industry," and its gains on Tuesday also benefited companies "such as Anthem Inc, Aetna Inc, and Cigna Corp." The piece adds that UnitedHealth has largely exited ACA exchanges, and CEO Dave Wichmann "said the company only had about 30,000 customers receiving subsidies in four states, and that any impact" from Trump's plans to end subsidy payments "would be 'extremely small.'"

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (10/17, Snowbeck, 1.27M) reports that UnitedHealth's shares rose by five percent during trading on Tuesday. The company intends to "continue to focus investments going forward on its fast-growing Optum division for health services, including pharmaceutical benefits management, non-hospital health care and technology," according to Wichmann.

Bloomberg News (10/16, Tracer, 4.52M) also covers the story.

Columnist Warns Federal Retiree Health Premiums Could Increase Markedly If House Budget Proposal Becomes Law. Columnist Joe Davidson writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "PowerPost" blog that along "with President Trump's earlier budget plan, which would slice and dice federal retirement, Capitol Hill and the White House have mounted a multi-front assault on federal worker compensation." He warns that if the Budget Resolution put forward by the House "becomes law, federal retiree health insurance premiums could rise significantly over time because growth in the government's subsidy would be limited to the increase in inflation."

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Wisconsin Bill Would Prohibit University Of Wisconsin Employees From Working At Planned Parenthood. The AP (10/17) reports the Wisconsin state Senate's health committee is expected to hold a public hearing on a bill that would prohibit University of Wisconsin employees from "from performing abortions or providing training at facilities where abortions are performed, other than hospitals." The bill "targets an arrangement between Planned Parenthood and UW in which faculty members work part-time at the organization's Madison clinic."

Arkansas Health Care Association Joins Coalition To Support Limits On Payouts For Lawsuits. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette (10/17, Moritz, 319K) reports multiple Arkansas business groups on Monday announced they will join a coalition to raise funding for and support a proposed state constitutional amendment to limit some kinds of payouts in lawsuits. State legislators "voted in the spring to have such rules put before voters as a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution," and the proposal will be decided by constituents in the November 2018 general election. The coalition, Arkansans for Jobs and Justice, is supported by the Arkansas Health Care Association among other groups.

Pennsylvania Regulators Issue More Nursing Home Citations But Understate Incidents' Severity, Experts Say. The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (10/17, Simmons-Ritchie, 553K) says that after investigative reports showed Pennsylvania regulators have neglected "to properly cite and penalize nursing homes for serious failures," the state Department of Health "appears to be taking a tougher line on nursing homes," with the department issuing twice as many immediate jeopardy citations against homes as those over the past three years combined. Advocates for elder care "confirmed that the department appeared to have gotten tougher on bad homes," but some "said... the department was either still understating the severity of nursing home incidents or their inspectors were failing to uncover incidents to begin with."

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Vulnerable Elderly Increasingly Becoming Victims Of Emergencies, Disasters. CNN (10/17, Nedelman, 33.59M) reports California wildfires and Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico hurricanes "have put a spotlight on vulnerable seniors – including a number of deaths that authorities have said were preventable." The article discusses the impact of each event on older adults in the affected communities, noting many experts "continue to grapple with how best to protect the elderly, who face difficulties evacuating from disasters, more health issues on average and perhaps even a greater share of the psychological impact." Concerning the deaths of 14 residents of the Florida nursing home at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, the article says the Florida Health Care Association "instructed each facility to prepare seven to 10 days of medication, oxygen and other medical necessities for each resident, according to spokesperson Kristen Knapp."

NUTRITION & OBESITY

Google Maps Pulls Experimental "Calorie Counting" Feature From App After Criticism. The New York Times (10/17, Victor, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports Google Maps pulled an experimental "calorie-counting" feature, which showed how many calories someone could burn by walking to a certain destination. Some criticized the feature as being insulting for suggesting that people needed exercise, while others said the feature was dangerous for people with eating disorders.

MEDICARE

Expanded Medicare Enrollment Options Give Seniors More To Sort Out. The Palm Beach (FL) Post (10/17, Elmore, 273K) reports, "Hundreds of Palm Beach County residents are calling advisors daily for help to sort out expanded options" for Medicare. "We definitely have more interest this year than last year," said Desirae Mearns, lead project director for Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE),

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adding that seniors in Palm Beach County have 46 plan options in 2018 compared to 43 last year.

Opinion: CMS Proposal To Exempt Rural Physicians From MIPS Will Do More Harm Than Good. Caravan Health CEO Lynn Barr writes in an op-ed for The Hill (10/17, 1.68M) that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' "proposed rule to exempt two-thirds of the nation's clinicians from the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS) will do more harm than good" and furthermore would "disable the infrastructure of electronic health records (EHRs) that has been subsidized with $37 billion taxpayer dollars." Rural clinicians are exempt from quality reporting and "have provided lower quality care," Barr writes, adding that CMS' proposal to exclude reporting for pneumococcal and influenza vaccines – two particularly "important quality measures" – is shortsighted. "Our data clearly shows that more vaccines means fewer patients going to the hospital and fewer pneumonia-related deaths," particularly for seniors.

MEDICAID & CHIP

"Bickering" Over CHIP, Community Health Centers Reportedly Harming Nation's Healthcare. Paige Winfield Cunningham writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) "The Health 202" about the ongoing discussions between Democrats and Republicans over how to pay "for states to keep running the Children's Health Insurance Program and for community health centers to care for low-income people," and for how long to extend the funding. Cunningham is critical of lawmakers for their "bickering," arguing that "if Congress were serious about funding the two programs without causing crippling uncertainty for states and providers, it could have tackled the issue months ago." She also criticizes President Trump for "signing an executive order that many health-care experts warned could destabilize the marketplace even further by allowing individuals and small-business employees to buy narrower coverage through trade associations."

Arkansas Governor Says Insurance Rate Hikes Will Not Threaten State Medicaid Expansion. The AP (10/17, DeMillo) reports Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) said Tuesday that the 14.2 percent to 25 percent insurance rate hike approved by state regulators after President Trump ended cost-sharing reduction payments will not imperil the state's hybrid Medicaid expansion. "Under Arkansas' hybrid expansion program, Medicaid funds are used to purchase private plans for low-income residents through the insurance marketplace," the AP explains. State Democrats, however, "accused Hutchinson of glossing over the effect Trump's action will have."

Michigan Democrats Say Proposed Medicaid Cuts "Devastating" For Vulnerable People. MLive (MI) (10/17, Slagter, 947K) reports on a panel of Democratic state and local officials that convened to discuss "the best way to push back against the president's proposed $700 billion cut to Medicaid funding in 2018." The group said the proposed Medicaid cuts would be "devastating" to senior citizens and people with disabilities and that opponents should emphasize the personal impact of the reductions.

HEALTH & MEDICAL NEWS

Pharmaceutical Companies Deny Responsibility For Drug Pricing At Senate Hearing. Bloomberg News (10/17, Edney, 4.52M) reports leading drug industry lobbyists at a Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing alleged pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), hospitals, and other groups are to blame for prescription medication prices. Groups testifying, including the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), continued to "say that the measures used to assess them are incorrect, and that they only get a portion of the profit their critics say they do." PBMs at the meeting, however, "pointed the finger back at pharmaceutical companies, and said the cut they take as middlemen has no connection to how drugmakers set prices."

The Washington Examiner (10/17, King, 465K) reports the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, which represents PBMs, refuted PhRMA's claims that PBMs and insurers focus "on list prices, which are not reflective of actual spending trends." The article notes Congress has passed bills intended to speed up generic approval at the FDA, and that Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) at the hearing questioned

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why drug prices are so high and "pointed out that taxpayers pay for research at the National Institutes of Health, and U.S. customers pay higher prices for the finished product."

Senator Questions Pharmaceutical Industry About Doing Away With Rebates. STAT (10/17, Swetlitz, 43K) reports that Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) "asked a panel of pharmaceutical industry representatives at a Senate committee hearing" about whether drugmakers and pharmacy benefit managers would be willing to do away with rebates. "Why don't we just get rid of rebates and let you negotiate directly with manufactures, take that $100 billion a year, and just reduce the list price? Wouldn't it be simpler for us to understand where the money goes?" Alexander asked Mark Merritt, president and chief executive officer of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association. Industry representatives said they would be willing to consider the proposal, although they expressed doubt about the feasibility of enacting such a reform.

Families Of Deceased Troops Allege Pharmaceutical Companies "Knowingly Financed" Anti-American Militia In Iraq. USA Today (10/17, Madhani, 8.62M) reports a group of families of "dozens of U.S. troops killed or injured" during the Iraq war filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday "against several U.S. and European pharmaceutical and medical supply companies, alleging that the corporations knowingly financed the anti-American militia Mahdi Army through bribes and kickbacks to officials at a government ministry controlled by the group." The lawsuit names "some of the biggest names in the industry – including GE Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, AstraZeneca and Roche," and alleges they often paid kickbacks to officials in the Iraqi Ministry of Health, who "in turn used the proceeds to help fund the militia that carried out attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq."

Massachusetts Senate Considers Bill To Require Data Submissions From Drug Companies. The Boston Globe (10/17, McCluskey, 969K) reports Massachusetts Senate legislators on Tuesday revealed "sweeping health care legislation" addressing issues such as prescription treatment costs and hospital prices, which "proponents say will improve the state's health care system and curb medical spending." The new bill would mandate that "drug companies for the first time to submit data to the state Health Policy Commission and be scrutinized by the watchdog agency," and "sets a target for controlling commercial spending on hospital care by slowing the rate of price growth at the most expensive hospitals."

Appeals Court Vacates Verdict In Talcum Powder Cancer Case. Bloomberg News (10/17, Fisk, 4.52M) reports a Missouri appeals court has vacated the $72 million verdict in Fox v. Johnson & Johnson, ruling the case shouldn't have been tried in St. Louis. "The verdict to the family of Jacqueline Fox, who died in 2015, was the first of a series of jury awards in the St. Louis court," where juries "have awarded a total of $300 million in verdicts" related to claims that Johnson & Johnson's talc products cause ovarian cancer. According to the AP (10/17, Stafford), "the appeals court cited a Supreme Court ruling in June that placed limits on where injury lawsuits could be filed, saying state courts cannot hear claims against companies not based in the state where alleged injuries occurred." In response, "Jim Onder, who is representing many plaintiffs in the lawsuits, has argued that Missouri is a proper jurisdiction because Johnson & Johnson packages and labels some products in Missouri." Also reporting are Reuters (10/17, Raymond), the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (10/17, Currier, 831K), and Fierce Pharma (10/17, Sagonowsky).

Gene Tumor Boards Increasingly Providing Guidance On Cancer Care. The AP (10/18, Marchione) reports that patients with cancer are increasingly "having their care guided by gene tumor boards," panels of experts that study "the patient's cancer genes and match treatments to mutations that seem to drive the disease." The gene tumor boards aim for "precision medicine, the right drug for the right person at the right time, guided by genes." The AP adds that "Some doctors worry that tumor boards' recommending off-label treatments diverts patients from research that would benefit all cancer patients," and mentions that the "American Society of Clinical Oncology's TAPUR study tests off-label drugs and shares results with their makers and federal regulators."

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Mouse Study Finds Link Between Stress And Digestion In Female Mice. The New York Post (10/17, Steussy, 4.31M) reports new research published in Nature's Scientific Reports suggests stress may have the same effect on human digestion as a fattening diet. Researchers at Brigham Young University conducted the mouse study, which looked at the mice's gut microbiota; they found that the gut microbiome of female mice subjected to stress tests "actually changed to resemble that of an obese mouse," which "suggests that stress might impact metabolism just as much as diet, the researchers wrote." Male rats, however, "didn't have the same microbiome shift, but they did become more anxious and less physically active."

New Hampshire Gov. Removes Member From Cancer Cluster Panel. The AP (10/17) reports New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu said Tuesday he's removed Steve Kenda, a past Republican candidate for state Senate and governor, from the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Commission over an op-ed piece written by Kenda denying the existence of a cancer cluster. According to the AP, Sununu "said Kenda's participation has become too much of a distraction" from the purpose of the 21-member commission, which has for several years "been investigating a greater-than-expected number of cases of two types of rare childhood cancers in the seacoast region: rhabdomyosarcoma and pleuropulmonary blastoma."

Scientific American Editors Voice Support For Cosmetics Safety Bill. In an article for the November 2017 issue, the editors of Scientific American (10/17, 878K) express support for the Personal Care Products Safety Act, which Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Susan Collins reintroduced in Congress last May. "The bill would require, among other things, that all cosmetics makers pay annual fees to the agency to help finance new safety studies and enforcement – totaling approximately $20 million a year," which the FDA would use to "assess the safety of at least five cosmetics chemicals a year." The legislation "also gives the agency the authority to pull products off the shelves immediately when customers have reported bad reactions, without waiting for a review that can take multiple years." The editors highlight the importance of the bill, and the issues it addresses, in light of a petition filed earlier this year that called on the FDA to ban lead acetate from hair dyes.

Transenterix CEO Says Senhance Won't Compete Directly With Intuitive Surgical's Da Vinci. Reuters (10/17, Banerjee) reports Transenterix CEO Todd Pope on Tuesday "played down...the threat posed by his company's surgical robotic system," called Senhance, "to market leader Intuitive Surgical Inc, saying he did not expect the two to compete head on." Transenterix's share price surged – and Intuitive Surgical's fell – at the end of last week after the US Food and Drug Administration cleared Senhance for use, but "Pope said Senhance had a lot of ground to cover before it might have to compete directly with Intuitive's Da Vinci device, which has dominated robotic surgery purchasing since it was approved in 2000."

Johnson & Johnson's Animas Closure, Cessation Of Insulin Production Are Reflective Of Broader Healthcare Issues. The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Lazarus, 4.49M) discusses the recent announcement from Johnson & Johnson saying the company is closing its Animas subsidiary and ceasing its production of insulin pumps, which creates new challenges from J&J customers that the Times says "mirror problems all too common in the healthcare industry – the turmoil that can arise when a medical-device or drugmaker halts sales, or when an insurer decides to no longer cover a specific pill, gadget or treatment." The article examines how such problems can affect healthcare customers and offers insight on how to proceed.

DC Council Disapproves Of Extending Contract To Manage City's Only Public Hospital. The Washington Post (10/17, Itkowitz, 10.38M) reports six members of the Washington, DC council "expressed disapproval" of the request by Veritas of Washington LLC to renew its $4.2 million consulting contract to manage the United Medical Center, which is "the city's only public hospital." The firm was hired last year "to stabilize the only full-service hospital east of the Anacostia River," but has shown "little progress in improving the hospital's finances or quality of care." The Post adds the company is "led by campaign donors to D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D)." Because of the disapproval, the

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council will have 45 days instead of 10 to review the contract.

People With Adverse Childhood Events Found More Likely To Suffer Health Problems As Adults. The Denver Post (10/17, Baumann, 817K) reports on a study from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the University of Denver finding that "children who grow up in a dysfunctional or abusive home are more likely to develop depression and cancer as adults, and they're more likely to one day have children with health issues as well." The study was based on a survey of 3,677 Colorado residents 18 and over, and "measured adverse childhood experiences, which are events that range from physical, sexual or emotional abuse and different types of household dysfunctions such as family member incarceration." Overall, those who reported one such incident "were twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression, and those with four or more incidents were nearly twice as likely to suffer from cancer and almost six times more likely to experience depression." Their children also "were two to five times as likely to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder."

Second TB Case Reported In Durham County, North Carolina. The Durham (NC) Herald Sun (10/17, Johnson, 66K) reports on a second tuberculosis case in Durham County, North Carolina, explaining that "a student at Northern High School is being treated," as is a student at UNC Chapel Hill. Both "are being treated at home and will remain off campus until the threat of spreading the disease is over." The county health department will conduct "TB blood tests on people who were exposed at Northern." The Herald Sun adds, "Durham County reported 11 cases of active tuberculosis in 2016."

VA Facility In Omaha Maintained Secret Waiting List Of Veterans Seeking Mental Health Appointments. The AP (10/17) reports the Department of Veterans Affairs' Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System "maintained an unauthorized, secret waiting list of veterans for some Omaha mental health appointments, according to US Department of Veterans Affairs documents." The article points out that "the VA set up strict requirements for establishing waiting lists following a 2014 scandal that showed VA employees were covering up chronic delays with false paperwork and secret lists," and that the facility in Omaha was not on a list of 40 facilities that reportedly still had secret lists in 2016. VA officials declined to comment on how many employees were involved in maintaining the list or how many veterans were affected.

Hepatitis A Deaths Now Up To 19 In San Diego County. The San Diego Union-Tribune (10/17, Sisson, 668K) reports there have now been 19 deaths and 507 confirmed cases in the ongoing hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego County, CA. Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county's public health officer, said that the county is also investigating another 47 potential cases.

Researchers Trying To Identify Early Signs Of Brain Damage In Professional Fighters. STAT (10/17, Robbins, 43K) reports researchers have found that "active fighters," boxers and mixed martial arts fighters, have "higher levels of two brain proteins, called neurofilament light and tau, compared to retired fighters or non-fighters," and that "fighters with greater exposure to repetitive head trauma have lower brain volumes." The findings are part of an ongoing study, and "researchers have enrolled close to 700 mixed martial arts fighters and boxers, both active and retired, in the past six years." The investigators are seeking "to identify early signs of trauma-induced brain damage from subtle changes in blood chemistry, brain imaging, and performance tests," which "may show up decades before visible symptoms such as cognitive impairment, depression, and impulsive behavior."

US District Judge Orders Flint To Pick A Long-Term Water Source. The Detroit Free Press (10/17, Matheny, 1.07M) reports US District Judge David M. Lawson issued a summary judgment ordering Flint to select a long-term water source. The ruling "comes after Flint's City Council has balked for months at entering into a long-term deal for water supplies from the city of Detroit via the regional Great Lakes Water Authority."

Researchers Identify Four Genes In Humans, Dogs, And Mice That May Be Linked To OCD. The NPR (10/17, Chen, 2.4M) "Shots" blog reports that researchers

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identified "four genes with the strongest links to OCD to date." The researchers compared the DNA of dogs and mice with compulsive tendencies to the DNA of people with and without OCD. The findings were published online Oct. 17 in Nature Communications.

Newsweek (10/17, Firger, 991K) reports that the study "may help scientists develop more precise and effective treatments for the psychiatric condition."

Excessive Exercise May Be Linked To Higher Risk Of Buildup Of Plaque In Heart Arteries By Middle Age In Caucasian Men, Study Suggests. The New York Daily News (10/17, Scotti, 3.61M) reports that research suggests "Caucasian men who exercise three times above the US national guidelines for working out (150 minutes per week) are 86% more likely than black men, and those who exercise less, to develop a buildup of plaque in their hearts by the time they're middle aged."

The New York Post (10/17, 4.31M) runs a SWNS article reporting that investigators "compared 25-year exercise patterns and made the surprising discovery that very active white men are 86 percent more likely to experience a buildup of plaque in the heart arteries by middle age." However, "this didn't apply to black men, they discovered." The findings were published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

NAFLD, Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis The Fastest-Growing Reasons For Liver Transplants In Young Americans, Research Indicates. Reuters (10/17, Crist) reports that research indicates "nonalcoholic fatty liver disease [NAFLD] and its more aggressive form, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, have become the fastest-growing reasons for liver transplants in young Americans." Investigators found that "the number of liver transplants performed for NASH increased from 0.53% in 2002 to 4.46% in 2012, a nine-fold jump." Reuters adds that "due to increasing childhood obesity, hypertension and diabetes...more young adults are reaching end-stage liver disease early in life, researchers say." The findings were published online in Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology.

Impax Laboratories Inks Deal To Merge With Amneal Pharmaceuticals. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Rockoff, Cimilluca, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports Impax Laboratories and Amneal Pharmaceuticals recently agreed to merge in a deal that would establish the US' fifth-largest generic medication producing company in terms of revenue. They said on Tuesday that the all-stock transaction would grant Impax shareholders 25 percent of a new company, while owners of Amneal would take the remainder. The new group will be called Amneal Pharmaceuticals and is expected to be worth as much as $6.4 billion.

Reuters (10/17) reports Cantor Fitzgerald analysts wrote in a client note on the deal that the merger increases chances for Impax to grow from a mid-size drug maker to a leading generics and specialty medication company. The article says the combined company will produce "a diverse pipeline with more than 300 products either filed with the FDA or in active stages of development, Cantor analysts said."

The San Francisco Business Times (10/17, Leuty, Subscription Publication, 904K) reports Impax ran "into a string of issues in recent years" while attempting to diversify beyond generic treatments, with FDA inspections exposing "problems a couple years ago" at a California facility.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (10/17, Loyd, 1.71M) and Fierce Pharma (10/17, Helfand) also report.

Column: Allergan Restasis Case Exemplifies How Companies Manipulate Patent System. Bloomberg View (10/17, 4.52M) columnist Joe Nocera offers commentary on Allergan's attempts to transfer its Restasis patents to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe --"a now-infamous patent ploy" – positing that the legal maneuvering represents "trickery" undertaken by many companies in the industry "to keep generics off the market." According to Nocera, the "primary way" branded drug makers prevent generic competition "is by abusing the patent system." He adds that a federal judge who ruled the Allergan patents are invalid simply "called Allergan out on" its "scam." Nocera mentions Allergan issued a number of "citizen's petitions" to the FDA and sued compounding company Imprimis on allegations that it violated FDA regulations.

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Troy University Researchers Developing Anti-Depressants Through Zebrafish Studies. The New York Daily News (10/17, Scotti, 3.61M) reports researchers at Troy University in Alabama are using zebrafish to develop anti-depressant treatments for humans because fish reportedly are "a reliable animal to use in identifying depression." According to one university researcher, the "neurochemistry (between fish and people) is so similar that it's scary." The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that nearly "16 million people had at least one major depressive episode in 2012."

District Judge Invalidates Allergan's Restasis Patents. Reuters (10/17, Wolfe) reports US district judge William Bryson on Monday ruled against Allergan's patents for its dry-eye treatment Restasis, which the company transferred to New York state's Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe last month on claims that the tribe's status as a sovereign nation would prevent the patents from being reviewed by the US patent office. Bryson invalidated the patents for the $1.5 billion treatment, calling it an attempt by Allergan to "rent" the tribe's sovereign immunity. Allergan, however, said the move was justified because the same patents were already under review in federal court, while critics "said it was a cynical attempt to prolong the company's monopoly on Restasis."

District Judge Refuses Pharmaceutical Companies' Request To Block Nevada Drug Pricing Law. The Las Vegas Review-Journal (10/17, Bekker, 458K) reports that on Tuesday, US District Judge James Mahan refused a request by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and the Biotechnology Innovation Organization "to immediately block a Nevada law requiring them to detail diabetes drug prices and disclose manufacturing costs and research investments come July." Mahan said he did not find "immediate and irreparable harm" in the case because of the law's timeline. The companies allege in the lawsuit that the law violates federal patent and industry trade secret rules.

Experts Consider Whether Ignyta Pharmaceuticals' Cancer Treatment Can Be Compared To Pfizer's. Forbes (10/17, 5.11M) contributor Matthew Herper considers Ignyta Pharmaceuticals' cancer treatment entrectinib that shrank one patient's tumors and "has kept them in check for more than a year," and, according to research presented at the World Conference on Lung Cancer, "shrank tumors in 79% of patients and kept working for a median 28.6 months, about 10 months longer than the current drug, Pfizer's Xalkori, did in separate clinical trials." Herper writes that nonetheless, the study "raises questions about whether it's possible to compare similar cancer medicines, and whether it's possible to keep innovating after a few gene-targeted drugs have been invented."

Study Reveals Association Between Depression, Sagging Testosterone Levels In New Fathers. In "Well," the New York Times (10/17, Quenqua, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports research indicates that postpartum depression "may occur in from 7 percent to 10 percent of new fathers, compared to about 12 percent of new mothers, and that depressed dads were more likely to spank their children and less likely to read to them." Now, research published in the September issue of the journal Hormones and Behavior "has found a link between depression and sagging testosterone levels in new dads, adding physiological weight to the argument that postpartum depression isn't just for women anymore." In addition, the study revealed that "while high testosterone levels in new dads helped protect against depression in fathers, it correlated with an increased risk of depression in new moms." The study abstract points out some 149 couples took part in the study.

Men Who Receive Blood Donated By Previously Pregnant Women May Face Increased Risk Of Death Following The Transfusion, Study Indicates. STAT (10/17, Begley, 43K) reports, "Men who received a blood transfusion from a woman who had ever been pregnant had a higher risk of dying prematurely than men who got blood from a man or a never-pregnant woman," researchers reported.

HealthDay (10/17, Thompson, 11K) reports researchers arrived at that conclusion after examining data on some 31,000 patients in Holland who "received 59,320 transfusions in all

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from one of three types of donors – men, never-pregnant women and women who'd been pregnant." Notably, "after receiving a single transfusion, the three-year death rate among men was 13.5 percent for those who received male blood, 13.1 percent for those who got never-pregnant female blood, and nearly 17 percent for those who received blood from a previously pregnant female." The findings were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Reuters (10/17, Rapaport) and Scientific American (10/17, Weintraub, 878K) also cover the story.

Physician Warns Of Dangers Of Online Companies Selling Designer Substances. In STAT (10/17, 43K) "First Opinion," Abraham Nussbaum, MD, chief education officer at Denver Health, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, writes about the dangers of online companies "selling compounds that have never been approved for human use but that are so similar to existing drugs they attract users...seeking an alternative to" physicians and dealers. Ostensibly these "designer" substances are sold for the purposes of "research." Dr. Nussbaum believes such companies "sideline the doctor, the pharmaceutical industry, and its regulators from the patient-physician relationship" and pose a danger to people buying substances from them.

Oversized Eyedrops Waste Patient's Money And Medicine By Design. NPR (10/18, Allen, 2.4M) reports on its "Shots" page that ProPublica has found that pharmaceutical companies make eyedrops that overflow your eyes by design. The article says that for at least twenty-five years, those in the "eye care industry," including doctors, pharmaceutical officials, and researchers, have known "that eyedrops are much larger than the eye can hold." The article tells the story of a project in the early 1990s as Alcon where the team created a "microdrop" that would reduce waste but still maintain effectiveness. The product was "killed" because of the cost of getting FDA approval and the risk that it would lead to decreased sales. NPR also reports of similar research on the efficacy of smaller eyedrops that was funded by Allergan, yet Allergan does not make eyedrops in smaller sizes to date.

More Hospitals Investing In Housing And Support For Homeless To Reduce ER Visits. Kaiser Health News (10/18, Bartolone) reports on a "growing number of hospitals nationwide" that have "invested in housing programs in recent years, from Florida to Chicago and farther west," with the goal of ending the cycle of emergency room use by homeless people by providing them housing along with a case worker. Rand Corp. researcher Sarah Hunter says, "There's pretty good evidence that it's more cost-effective to provide housing with supports than have these people live on the streets and just cycle in and out of emergency rooms and in-patient stays." The piece reports that the nonprofit hospitals' investment in these programs helps them "meet their community service obligations in exchange for tax breaks."

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China Confirms H5N6 Bird Flu Outbreak In Central Province. Reuters (10/17, Gu, Mason) reports China's Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that there is "an outbreak of bird flu at broiler chicken farms in" the city of Hexian in Anhui province. The outbreak in the central province has been caused by the H5N6 strain.

Op-Ed: Canada Must Push For National Registry Of Payments From Companies To Physicians. Nav Persaud of Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto, Joel Lexchin of Toronto's University Health Network, and Andrew S. Boozary of the University of Toronto and the Harvard Public Health Review write in an op-ed in STAT (10/17, 43K) that Canadian province Ontario "took a historic step" by introducing legislation to increase transparency on how drug companies interact with prescribers in an effort to understand how physicians receive payments from manufacturers. The authors advocate for this on a national scale and suggest the establishment of a registry of payments similar to that which is in place in the US.

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House Panel Sets Puerto Rico Recovery Hearing For Next Week.

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Reuters (10/17, Cowan) reports that a House panel said Tuesday that it has scheduled an Oct. 24 hearing "to examine Puerto Rico's hurricane recovery efforts and the role of a financial oversight board in those efforts." The House Committee on Natural Resources, which last year worked on legislation creating the board to help Puerto Rico manage its debt, will hold the hearing.

Puerto Rican Delegate: Trump Has Given Everything We've Asked For. Townhall (10/17, Vespa, 523K) reports Puerto Rico's delegate, Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, said in a recent interview with USA Today "that everything they've asked for, Trump has delivered." Gonzalez-Colon told USA Today, "I will tell you that everything that the president said that he was going to send to the island, it's getting there. The resources are there. The help is there."

Desperate Puerto Ricans Turning To Wells At Superfund Site For Water. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 11, 1:40, Holt, 16.61M) reported on the "deepening and dangerous water crisis" in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The EPA says "the desperate are breaking into water wells" at a Superfund site in Dorado "that may actually be contaminated." NBC's Gabe Gutierrez reported from the town that "even though there's a clearly marked danger sign, people were willing to risk it." He noted that "only 17 percent of the island has power, making it hard to pump and treat water as this crisis deepens."

Discussing Obama And Slain Soldiers, Trump Cites Death Of Kelly's Son. President Trump's Tuesday remarks – in which he invoked the death of Chief of Staff Kelly's son while defending his claim one day earlier that former President Barack Obama and other presidents didn't always call the families of slain military members – received widespread media coverage, including reports on all three major network newscasts. Coverage was largely negative, highlighting that Kelly has been reluctant to publicly speak about his son's death.

In the lead story for NBC Nightly News (10/17, lead story, 2:25, Holt, 16.61M), Peter Alexander reported that "as the body of one of the American soldiers killed in Niger this month returns home to Florida and the White House confirms President Trump spoke to all four families of the fallen, the President's taking another swing at Barack Obama on the gravest of presidential obligations." NBC played an audio clip of Trump saying in a Tuesday interview with Fox News Radio, "I think I've called every family of somebody that's died, and it's the hardest call to make. ... As far as other representatives, I don't know. You could ask General Kelly, did he get a call from Obama?" Alexander added, "The President invoking the memory of his chief of staff's son, Robert Kelly, a Marine killed in 2010."

On the CBS Evening News (10/17, story 5, 2:40, Mason, 11.17M), Margaret Brennan reported, "White House officials claim to be unaware of whether Mr. Trump had spoken to Kelly before making the remark. The retired Marine Corps general has actively avoided calling attention to his son's death, making it clear he does not want it to be exploited." Brennan added, "Today, despite the President's prodding, Kelly declined to comment. But a White House official, who requested anonymity, told CBS News, 'I can tell you Obama did not call General Kelly after the death of his son.' But White House records show that Kelly and his wife did attend a closed-door breakfast with Mr. And Mrs. Obama to honor Gold Star families a year after their son's passing."

On ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 3, 3:10, 14.63M), David Muir reported that "Kelly has indicated to the past in reporters that he did not want to talk publicly about the death of his son." ABC's Cecilia Vega added that "Kelly has repeatedly made it clear to reporters he does not want to talk about his son's death. And he would not go on the record today. But the White House tells us he never got a call from...Obama. Obama aides do not dispute that. But they do say Kelly did attend a White House breakfast for Gold Star families, where he sat at the first lady's table."

The Washington Post (10/17, Parker, 10.38M) reports, "For the past seven years...Kelly has gone out of his way to keep the death of his son free from politics." However, Trump on Tuesday "thrust [Kelly's] son into the public and political glare, invoking the younger Kelly as part of a continuing attack on...Obama." The President's "remark...was unplanned, said two White House officials, who said they were caught off-guard by Trump's comments. One said Kelly may have mentioned some details surrounding his son's death to the president in private — and the president then repeated them in public, a relatively frequent occurrence with Trump."

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Similarly, under the headline "Top General's Grief Becomes Political Talking Point For Trump," the New York Times (10/17, Landler, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that Trump "is testing" Kelly's "long-held reluctance to discuss his loss. Mr. Trump, in defending his handling of the deaths of four Green Berets in Niger, falsely claimed on Monday that...Obama did not contact the families of fallen troops. And on Tuesday, Mr. Trump brought to light that Mr. Obama never called Mr. Kelly after the death of his son." The Times adds that Kelly "has not addressed the dispute. But colleagues who worked with him at the Pentagon during that period said they did not recall him expressing unhappiness with the way Mr. Obama handled the death of his son. "

Writing for McClatchy (10/17, 67K), Kate Irby says that "Kelly had to endure every parent's worst nightmare when his son...stepped on a land mine in Afghanistan in 2010 and died. Now...Trump is calling into question whether...Obama ever called Kelly after that happened – dragging Kelly into a spat Trump started between the two presidents over whether Obama called the families of fallen soldiers."

The AP (10/17, Woodward, Lemire) similarly reports that Trump "has pulled bereaved military families into a painful political fight of his own making, going so far Tuesday as to cite the death of" Kelly's "son in Afghanistan to question whether...Obama and other presidents did enough to honor the military dead. He's boasted that 'I think I've called every family of someone who's died,' though AP found relatives of two soldiers who died overseas during Trump's presidency who said they never received a call or a letter from him. The White House said he did telephone on Tuesday the families of four soldiers who were killed in Niger nearly two weeks ago, the issue that had spawned the controversy this week."

Under the headline "After Trump Brings Chief Of Staff Into Controversy Over Condolence Calls, He Phones Families Of Killed Soldiers," the Los Angeles Times (10/17, Bierman, 4.49M) quotes White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders as saying in a Tuesday statement, "President Trump spoke to all four of the families of those who were killed in action in Niger. He offered condolences on behalf of a grateful nation and assured them their family's extraordinary sacrifice to the country will never be forgotten."

Under the headline "Twelve Days Of Silence, Then A Swipe At Obama: How Trump Handled Four Dead Soldiers," the Washington Post (10/17, Rucker, Lamothe, 10.38M) reports, "The White House did not receive detailed information from the Defense Department about the four...soldiers" – slain Oct. 4 in Niger – "until Oct. 12, and that information was not fully verified by the White House Military Office until Monday, according to a senior White House official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to comment on the internal process. At that point, the official said, Trump was cleared to reach out to the four families – both in letters that were mailed Tuesday and in personal phone calls to family members that day."

Politico (10/17, McCaskill, 3.6M) reported that Trump "has faced an onslaught of criticism – most notably from former Obama aides – since making the accusation against Obama on Monday afternoon in a Rose Garden news conference when asked about his silence regarding the death of four Green Berets related to an Oct. 4 ambush in Niger. 'The traditional way, if you look at President Obama and other presidents, most of them didn't make calls,'" Trump "alleged without evidence Monday. 'A lot of them didn't make calls. I like to call when it's appropriate, when I think I'm able to do it.'" The Hill (10/17, Greenwood, 1.68M) and the Daily Caller (10/17, Pfeiffer, 521K) also report on Trump's remarks from Tuesday and Monday.

Regarding his comment that past presidents did not call fallen soldiers' kin, Trump on Tuesday called the story "fake news," telling Fox News (10/17, 12.87M), "I don't know what Obama's policy was. I write letters and I also call." Trump touted the support he said he was receiving in the polls in spite of negative media coverage.

During a Tuesday appearance on Fox and Friends (10/17, 8:40 a.m. EDT, 2.04M), counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway defended Trump's comment that previous presidents have not called fallen soldiers' families, saying that he was "making the point that there's many different ways to reach out" to the kin, and "not everybody calls." Conway also said, "The President made very clear...what he meant and what he is saying," adding that Trump's "focus is always on the grieving, on the families, on the loss of life, and on protecting our soldiers."

Responding to Trump's comment about past presidents calling fallen soldiers' kin, Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) told CNN's Situation Room (10/17, 5:25 p.m. EDT, 988K) that he was with Obama when the then-President was visiting

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families of soldiers who lost their lives in Benghazi.

Florida Democrat Criticizes Trump's "Insensitive" Remarks To Widow Of Slain Soldier. The Miami Herald (10/17, Cohen, 701K) reports, "Sgt. La David T. Johnson of Miami Gardens, the soldier and father who was killed in Niger, returned home Tuesday afternoon." He "was saluted with a ceremonial homecoming at Miami International Airport." The Herald adds that Trump "called Johnson's pregnant widow Tuesday afternoon." The President "told his widow, who was in a car heading to the airport with her family and US Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Miami Gardens, that 'he knew what he signed up for...but when it happens it hurts anyway,' according to Wilson, who heard the call on speakerphone in the car." Wilson told the Herald, "I think it's so insensitive. It's crazy. ... You don't say that to someone who lost family, the father, the breadwinner. You can say, 'I'm so sorry for your loss. He's a hero.'"

WPost's Von Drehle Questions Trump's Patriotism. In his Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) column, David Von Drehle says that Trump's "impulsive attack on his predecessors" relating to the calling of the families of slain soldiers "has raised again a question that has haunted me since his inaugural address. Is Trump patriotic?" Von Drehle adds, "Patriotism doesn't require us to praise what is not praiseworthy. Like any other American, Trump is free to criticize as he sees fit. But when an elected leader disparages, without cause, the good faith of other elected leaders, he is tearing the country down. ... I don't think we've ever been led by a person with such a low opinion of America."

Trump Says He Was "Surprised" By The "Dishonesty In The Media." Politico (10/17, Nelson, 3.6M) reported that during a Tuesday interview with radio host Chris Plante, President Trump said "that he was 'surprised' by what he perceived as the media's continued antipathy towards him after last year's election, characterizing CNN and NBC News 'a joke' and 'a total joke,' respectively." Said Trump, "Actually, dishonesty in the media is one of the things that surprised me the most. I thought after I won, the media would become much more stable and much more honest. They've gone crazy." Trump added, "CNN is a joke. NBC is a total joke. You watch what they report, it bears no relationship to what I'm doing. But the media is absolutely dishonest and frankly, I've never seen anything quite like it."

In Project Veritas Video, New York Times Editor Rips Trump, Pence. The Washington Times (10/17, Richardson, 541K) reports, "A New York Times senior staff editor called President Trump an 'oblivious idiot' and Vice President Mike Pence 'horrible' and 'worse than Trump' in an undercover video released Tuesday by the watchdog group Project Veritas." The Times says that in the video, "London-based homepage editor Desiree Shoe" rips Trump and Pence "while acknowledging that 'our main stories are supposed to be objective. 'I feel like Trump is a just a sort of an idiot in a lot of ways, just an oblivious idiot,' she" says "in the hidden-camera footage apparently taken at a bar." Shoe added, "If you impeach him, then Pence becomes president, Mike Pence, who's f–ing horrible, I think maybe worse than Trump. I'm speaking off the record." The Times says that Shoe "has worked for the NYT since 2009."

Professor: New York Times' New Social Media Policy "Hide[s] Reporter Biases." The Washington Times (10/17, Richardson, 541K) reports that the New York Times' "new policy on social media may rid the paper of perceived bias, but critics say it leaves unchecked the actual bias permeating" its "reliably liberal pages." Said Cornell Law School professor William A. Jacobson, "I believe in transparency, and The New York Times' new social media guidelines achieve the opposite. The guidelines are designed to hide reporter biases that makes it harder for the public to judge the credibility of reporting. Particularly in an age where we are asked to accept anonymously sourced reporting on the Trump administration, the public should know more about the political biases of those asking us to trust them on sourcing." The New York Times' new "policy prohibits reporters from making social media posts that 'express partisan opinions, promote political views, endorse candidates, make offensive comments or do anything else that undercuts The Times' journalistic reputation.'"

Trump Warns McCain, "I Fight Back And It Won't Be Pretty." The CBS Evening News (10/17, story 4, 2:40, Mason, 11.17M) reported that after Sen. John McCain "blast[ed] President Trump's ideas with words like 'half-baked' and 'unpatriotic.'" The President on Tuesday "warned McCain to 'be careful.' The

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Vietnam war hero shot back, 'I've faced tougher adversaries.'" The AP (10/17, Thomas) reports that in a radio interview, Trump said, "I'm being very, very nice but at some point I fight back and it won't be pretty." The New York Post (10/17, Fredericks, 4.31M) reports that the President also said that McCain's deciding vote against the recent Republican healthcare measure was a "shocker."

USA Today (10/17, Cummings, 8.62M) reports that McCain "did not mention the president by name" in his Monday speech, but Politico (10/17, Nelson, 3.6M) says that the remarks "were widely interpreted as a shot at Trump's political style, a mix of nationalism, populism and conservatism." The AP (10/17, Thomas) reports that McCain said, "To abandon the ideals we have advanced around the globe, to refuse the obligations of international leadership for the sake of some half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems, is as unpatriotic as an attachment to any other tired dogma of the past that Americans consigned to the ash heap of history." On Fox News' Fox & Friends (10/17, 8:38 a.m. EDT, 2.04M), Kellyanne Conway denied McCain's assertion that Trump engenders "half-baked, spurious nationalism." Conway said, "We hope we can rely on Sen. McCain's vote" on a number of issues. Fox News' Special Report (10/17, 2.32M) briefly reported on McCain's Monday night remark and Trump's response on Tuesday.

Biden: Trump's Behavior "Absolutely Bizarre." The AP (10/17) reports that former Vice President Joe Biden, who was presenting a medal to McCain at the National Constitution Center event on Monday, on Tuesday "called Trump's behavior 'absolutely bizarre.'" Biden said, "Violating the norms of personal conduct generates more anxiety and fear than any policy prescription that this president has enunciated. This breaking down of international and national norms is the glue that holds the liberal world order together, and holds together our system."

The Washington Times (10/17, Miller, 541K) reports that Biden and Ohio Gov. John Kasich were appearing together at a Delaware event to promote bipartisanship. The Washington Post (10/17, Kane, 10.38M) looks at the long relationship between Biden and McCain, who "have been on opposite sides of many crucial national security debates over the last 30 years," but who now find themselves to be "closely aligned...elder statesmen."

WPost Analysis: Trump Creates, Then Shoots Down Series Of "Political Villains." Michael Scherer writes in the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) that President Trump has a practice of "conjuring and then belittling a political villain with little more than taps on a phone. ... In just the past few weeks, Trump has started, without any clear provocation, fights with football players who kneel during the national anthem, departments stores that declare 'happy holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas,' and late-night television hosts for their 'unfunny and repetitive material.'" He has also gone after "individual targets" including Senate Minority Leader Schumer, Sen. Bob Corker, Hillary Clinton, Kim Jong-un, ESPN's Jemele Hill, "and a shifting array of reporters, newspapers and networks he labels as the 'fake news.'" Scherer says that Trump has used the tactic "for years – defining himself against a negative space, as a tough truth teller who opposes others."

White House Urges Corker To "Get Out Of The Name-Calling." Politico (10/17, McCaskill, 3.6M) reports that White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, in a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, said she was open to speaking with Sen. Bob Corker. Sanders said, "Sadly, Sen. Corker hasn't called me, but if he'd like to visit, I'd be happy to talk to him and certainly see if we could get him back on board and do, frankly, what the people of Tennessee elected him to do. ... Hopefully, he'll get out of the name-calling and get back to work here pretty soon."

White House Denies Trump Joked Pence Wanted To "Hang" Gays. Politico (10/17, Nussbaum, 3.6M) reports that the White House is denying that President Trump has joked that Vice President Pence "wanted to 'hang' homosexuals as well as other details reported" in a New Yorker profile of Pence. In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said, "From start to finish the article relied on fiction rather than facts. ... The suggestion that he would make such outrageous remarks is offensive and untrue." The New Yorker said it "stands by its reporting."

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Senate Committee Subpoenas Page, Seeks Information From Flynn's Son. USA Today (10/17, Kelly, 8.62M) reports that the Senate Intelligence Committee "has issued a subpoena to compel testimony and documents from former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page," according to a congressional aide. Investigators "have raised questions about Page's alleged ties to Russia, which were detailed in a controversial dossier by former British spy Christopher Steele." Reuters (10/17, Hosenball, Layne) reports that the panel has also asked Michael G. Flynn, the son of ex-National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, "to provide documents and testimony."

Mueller's Team Interviews Spicer. Politico (10/17, Karni, Dawsey, 3.6M) reports that special counsel Robert Mueller's team met Monday with former White House press secretary Sean Spicer "for an interview that lasted much of the day." According to people familiar with the meeting, Spicer was asked about President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey and Trump's meetings with Russians officials including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Mueller Interviewed Cybersecurity Researcher Tait. Business Insider (10/17, 3.83M) reports that Mueller himself has interviewed cybersecurity researcher Matt Tait, "who described being recruited to vet hacked Hillary Clinton emails last year by a GOP operative tied to" the Trump campaign team. The interview took place "several weeks ago."

Kushner Adds Harder To Legal Team. The Washington Examiner (10/17, Correll, 465K) reports that Jared Kushner has added attorney Charles Harder to his legal team. Harder "has represented Hulk Hogan and Melania Trump" and "previously represented Harvey Weinstein but discontinued representing him amid mounting sexual harassment and assault revelations."

Democrats Reportedly Impatient With Pace Of Russia Probes. Bloomberg News (10/17, Dennis, House, 4.52M) reports, "Some Democrats in Congress are growing impatient with how the GOP is handling" the Russia probes. Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats "say they want to see more urgency in that panel's efforts," while House Intelligence Committee ranking member Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) "says the Trump administration is trying to pressure Congress into ending its investigations prematurely."

BuzzFeed Offers Some Information On Dossier, But Does Not Reveal Source. The Daily Caller (10/17, Ross, 521K) reports that BuzzFeed News has "provided a few new details about how it obtained the infamous Trump dossier," but it "is still refusing to identify its source" for the document. BuzzFeed reporter Ken Bensinger "revealed that he was granted access to the dossier in December after he became aware of 'intelligence reports alleging that there were connections between the Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government,' according to a declaration filed in federal court Monday in Miami."

FBI Uncovered Russian Bribery Plot Prior To US Approval Of 2010 Uranium Deal. Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight (10/17, 2.78M) reported "the FBI has uncovered evidence of a major Russian bribery effort just before the Obama Administration's approval of a deal back in 2010 that gave Russia control over large amounts of American uranium." The Hill (10/17, Solomon, Spann, 1.68M) reports that the FBI "had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin's atomic energy business" inside the US.

Dan McLaughlin writes in the National Review (10/17, 892K) that this "could be a very big news story, if anyone is willing to follow up on it." Newt Gingrich said on Fox News' Hannity (10/17, 9:25 p.m. EDT, 4.05M) that this story indicates "levels of corruption and dishonesty on a scale that I can't remember in American history."

Obama UN Ambassador Says Unmasking Requests Were Made In Her Name. The Daily Caller (10/17, Ross, 521K) reports that Obama Administration UN Ambassador Samantha Power told the House Intelligence Committee last week that someone inside the Administration's "intelligence apparatus made requests to unmask the identity of Americans named in intelligence reports" in her name. Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) told Fox News, "She would say those requests to unmask may have been attributed to her, but they greatly exceed by an exponential factor the requests she actually made."

Trump Says Fed Chairman Pick Coming Soon, Source Says Early

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November. USA Today (10/17, Jackson, 8.62M) reports President Trump said Tuesday he will select the next Federal Reserve Board chairman "over the next fairly short period of time." Addressing reporters at a joint news conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, Trump also "all but confirmed" the reported list of five finalists: Former Fed governor Kevin Warsh, Stanford University economist John Taylor, current Fed Governor Jerome Powell, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, and current Chair Janet Yellen. He said, "I would say within those five you'll probably get the answer."

Reuters (10/17, Holland) reports Trump will likely announce his choice for next Fed chair before his trip to Asia in early November, according to a "source familiar with the situation." The source "said announcing the choice by the time Trump leaves for Asia on Nov. 3 would give the Senate time for the confirmation process."

WPost: Yellen Deserves A Second Term. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes that President Trump should select Janet Yellen for a second term as Federal Reserve Chairman because of her experience with steadily raising interest rates and with the unwinding of the Fed's asset purchasing program, her encouragement and defense of safeguards on financial institutions, and her relative flexibility compared with the other candidates. The Post concludes that her selection would signal the preservation of the Federal Reserve's independence from politicization and "would send a reassuring message of continuity."

Dow Tops 23,000 For First Time. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 3, 2:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported the Dow Jones topped 23,000 for the first time on Tuesday before closing just shy of the 23,000 mark. The Dow has grown 16 percent since January 1, and the market altogether has climbed 28 percent since the election of President Trump.

USA Today (10/17, Shell, 8.62M) reports that Wall Street observers say the Dow's continued rise has been driven by five key factors: rebounding economies around the world, strong US corporate earnings, low borrowing costs, anticipation of tax cuts, and large US companies' benefiting from a weak dollar and stronger foreign economies.

Trump Calls On Americans To Say "Merry Christmas" During Holidays. The Washington Times (10/17, Dinan, 541K) reports President Trump said Tuesday that Americans should be comfortable saying "Merry Christmas." Commenting on stores that don't use "Merry Christmas" in their displays, Trump said, "I want them to say Merry Christmas everybody, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays, but I want Merry Christmas."

Trump Drops In Forbes 400 Ranking. USA Today (10/17, McCoy, 8.62M) reports President Trump dropped in the annual Forbes magazine rankings of the wealthiest Americans after his fortune shrank by $600 million, to $3.1 billion – "dropping him from 156th place to 248th place in the 2017 Forbes 400 ranking, the magazine reported Tuesday." Trump now is tied with Snapchat creator Evan Spiegel in the magazine's 2017 ranking.

Trump DC Judicial Nominee Addresses Judiciary Committee. The Washington Post (10/17, Marimow, Sullivan, 10.38M) reports that Gregory G. Katsas – President Trump's judicial nominee for the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and current deputy White House counsel – on Tuesday "told senators considering his nomination that he advised the Trump administration on the travel ban on residents of certain majority Muslim countries, ending protections for young undocumented immigrants and the president's voter fraud commission." During a two-hour hearing, Katsas also "sought to assure the Senate Judiciary Committee that he would recuse himself from any cases involving his work as a government lawyer." The Post observes that Tuesday's hearing comes as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell "is intensifying efforts to install conservative jurists on the federal bench."

Pruitt Seeks To Assure Senators Over Biofuels Mandate. The Hill (10/17, Henry, Cama, 1.68M) reports EPA Administrator Pruitt "sought to reassure" Midwestern lawmakers on Tuesday that he supported the federal biofuels mandate. In a nearly hour-long meeting in Sen. Chuck Grassley's Senate office that included Sens. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Ben Sasse (R-NE), and Deb Fischer (R-NE), Pruitt "made a political case for the ethanol mandate." The meeting came amid

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concerns from lawmakers in both parties about proposed changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Sessions Creates Watchdog For Asset Forfeiture Program. The Washington Post (10/17, Horwitz, 10.38M) reports Attorney General Sessions is establishing a Justice Department watchdog to oversee the department's asset forfeiture program. In a memo Tuesday, Sessions "directed Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein to hire a director to review all aspects of the department's policy and take action if problems arise." Rep. Darrell Issa, who criticized the department last summer when Sessions announced the asset forfeiture program, said Tuesday of the move, "It's nice to see at least some acknowledgment that civil forfeiture is in need of increased oversight, but the changes really don't go far enough and the core problem still remains."

Zinke Booster Now Expresses Concerns About His Public Land Policies. The Washington Post (10/17, Grandoni, 10.38M) reports that Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Executive Director Land Tawney backed fellow Montanan Ryan Zinke's nomination to lead the Interior Department, but is now raising concerns about Zinke's stance on public lands and his "approach to national monuments." Tawney "still has kind words for Zinke, calling him 'a proven leader.'" But "as to the question of whether he still regards him as an ally, Tawney split the difference." He said, "What we've always done is we've applauded [Zinke] for the things that we think he's doing that are beneficial to hunters and anglers, then we've held him accountable on the other end of that."

Chao Silent On Federal Money For Miami's Metrorail. The Miami Herald (10/17, Hanks, 701K) reports that Transportation Secretary Chao on Tuesday "deftly avoided" providing information about federal money for Miami's Metrorail during a press conference at Miami International Airport. Chao said, "Resources are an issue. It's a resource issue for all of us. ... From the whole country's point of view, the needs exceed the resources." Chao "didn't mention the issue" of money for expanding Metrorail but "did say the Trump administration may provide help to Miami-Dade beyond money."

Fox News Poll: Jones, Moore Tied At 42% In Dec. 12 Special Election. On its website, Fox News (10/17, Blanton, 12.87M) reported that a Fox News poll of 801 Alabama voters, taken Oct. 14-16, shows ex-US Attorney Doug Jones (D) and ex-state Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore (R) tied at 42% each in the Dec. 12 special election for the former seat of now-US Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Fox News added "that among just the 53 percent of Alabama registered voters who are extremely or very interested in the race, Jones" leads Moore 46%-45%. Fox News said that President Trump carried "Alabama by 28 points in 2016, yet the Steve Bannon-backed Moore defeated the president's favored candidate, incumbent Luther Strange, in the GOP primary."

The Hill (10/17, Thomsen, 1.68M) reported that the survey "also found that 42 percent of Moore's supporters had some doubts about the candidate, while 48 percent said they strongly support him in the race. Republicans were also less likely to support their nominee than Democrats were to support Jones, with 77 percent of GOP voters saying they'd back Moore. Eight-five percent of Democrats said the same for Jones. Twenty-eight percent of Jones' backers said they had some reservations about him. But 21 percent of his supporters said they were voting against Moore rather than for Jones."

Rand Paul Backs Moore. The Hill (10/17, Shelbourne, 1.68M) reported that Sen. Rand Paul on Tuesday backed Moore's bid, saying in a statement, "Judge Roy Moore has spent a lifetime defending and standing up for the Constitution while fighting for the people of Alabama. We need more people in Washington, D.C. that will stand on principle and defend the Constitution." Writing for the Washington Examiner (10/17, Bedard, 465K), Paul Bedard described Paul's endorsement of Moore as "a huge show of support." Bedard added that Paul's backing "puts a stamp of approval on Moore's anti-Washington campaign which he rode to victory recently in a primary against Sen. Luther Strange, appointed earlier this year to replace former Sen. Jeff Sessions when he became the Attorney General."

Three Polls Show Virginia Governor's Race "Within The Margin Of Error." Three weeks before next month's election to succeed term-limited Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), Politico (10/17, Shepard, 3.6M) reported that

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a trio of "new public polls show" the battle between ex-RNC chief Ed Gillespie and Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam (D) "within the margin of error." A Monmouth University survey of 408 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 12-16, shows Gillespie leading Northam 48%-47%, with Libertarian Cliff Hyra at 3% and 3% undecided. Northam led 49%-44% in last month's poll. Meanwhile, a Christopher Newport University survey of 642 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 9-13, shows Northam leading Gillespie 48%-44%, with Hyra at 3% and 5% undecided. Northam led 49%-42% in last week's poll. And a Roanoke College poll of 607 Virginia likely voters, taken Oct. 8-13, shows Northam leading Gillespie 50%-44%, with Hyra at 2% and 4% undecided. Northam led 47%-43% in last month's poll. The Hill (10/17, Hagen, 1.68M) reported that the Monmouth survey "is the first public poll that shows Gillespie leading." The Washington Free Beacon (10/17, Crookston, 158K) also reports on the results of three polls released on Tuesday.

Democrat Northam Has Over Twice As Much Cash On Hand Than Gillespie. The AP (10/17, Suderman) reports that Northam holds "a hefty cash advantage over" Gillespie ahead of next month's election. Northam collected over "$7 million in September and had about $5.7 million in the bank at the end of the month." Gillespie, meanwhile, raised "$4.4 million, with $2.5 million cash on hand for the same period." Gillespie "enjoyed a cash advantage over Northam after the June primaries but has struggled to match the Democrat's fundraising prowess in recent months." The Washington Post (10/17, Nirappil, 10.38M) reports, "Republicans attributed the fundraising lag to a variety of reasons, including donors who were tuned out after the presidential contest and an unfavorable political climate for the GOP in Virginia."

Two Polls Show Democrat Murphy Up Double Digits In New Jersey Governor's Race. NJ News (10/17, Brodesser-Akner, 1.21M) reported that a Farleigh Dickinson University PublicMind poll of 658 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 11-15, shows ex-Goldman Sachs executive Phil Murphy (D) leading Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno (R-NJ) 47%-32% in next month's election to succeed term-limited Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ). On its website, Fox News (10/17, Balara, 12.87M) reported that a Fox News poll of 679 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 14-16, shows Murphy leading Guadagno 47%-33%.

Obama Joining Parade Of Democrats Who've Stumped For Murphy. The New York Times (10/17, Corasaniti, Burns, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports, "An Obama administration reunion tour is unfolding in New Jersey, as a cavalcade of Democratic luminaries has paraded into the state in recent days, including former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., former Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez and former Secretary of State John Kerry, urging voters to" back Murphy's bid. The Times adds that President Obama is slated to stump with Murphy "on Thursday at a rally in Newark, making his first public foray on the campaign trail in support of a Democratic candidate since leaving office. And Hillary Clinton will be a guest of honor at a closed-door fund-raiser for Mr. Murphy on Sunday in Harrison, N.J., her first campaign event since last year's election." Murphy served as ambassador to Germany in the Obama Administration.

Democrats Blast Guadagno Over "Bridgegate." The AP (10/17) reports that the Murphy camp on Tuesday received "a boost from the mayor whose town was gridlocked in the so-called Bridgegate scandal. Democratic Mayor of Fort Lee Mark Sokolich joined fellow Democrats Rep. Bill Pascrell, state Sen. Loretta Weinberg and Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer Tuesday to attack...Guadagno" on "the same day Murphy unveiled a new 30-second TV spot that says Christie and Guadagno's biggest triumph 'was a traffic jam.' Two former allies of Christie's were convicted in federal court in the 2013 political payback scheme that saw local access lanes to the George Washington Bridge closed."

Pence's Fundraiser Benefiting Collins Draws "About 80" Protesters. The Buffalo (NY) News (10/17, O'Brien, 362K) reports, "About 80 people protested outside a suburban Buffalo restaurant Tuesday as Vice President Pence arrived to raise" cash for Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY), "one of the Trump administration's staunchest backers in Congress." The News adds that Collins, "with Pence's help, expects to raise $400,000 at [the] event."

California House Republicans Get Large Financial Boost From PAC's Fundraiser With Pence. The Los Angeles Times (10/17, Mai-Duc, 4.49M) reports, "California

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Republican House members have received more than $1 million from a committee that recently benefited from a fundraiser with Vice President Pence. California Victory 2018 – a joint fundraising committee that helps" PACs "belonging to Pence and Rep. Kevin McCarthy as well as congressional campaign accounts of McCarthy and seven California Republicans – received proceeds from a string of Pence fundraisers across the state last week."

Endorsing Flake Primary Foe Ward, Bannon Rips McConnell, Senate Republicans. The AP (10/17, Beaumont, Christie) reports that ex-White House chief strategist Steve Bannon on Tuesday "doubled down on his criticism of the GOP establishment" during a fundraising event benefiting ex-state Sen. Kelli Ward (R-AZ), who is mounting a 2018 primary challenge to Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ). Appearing in Scottsdale, Bannon "heaped disdain on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other incumbent Republicans, saying they failed President Donald Trump by not backing his agenda and are openly critical of their own president." Said Bannon, who was joined at Tuesday's event by conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham, "If you saw how they try to rip him apart every day, how they are trying to destroy him every day. And yes, I'm talking about Mitch McConnell and the Senate Republicans."

The Arizona Republic (10/17, Nowicki, 968K) reports that Bannon's appearance "was the biggest indicator to date that the allies of...Trump are settling on Ward as their preferred challenger to Flake." The Republic adds that Bannon blasted McConnell, "and vowed that the Republican elite are destined to 'reap the whirlwind' and 'that whirlwind is Kelli Ward.'" The "remarks were another salvo in the 'war' Bannon has declared on the GOP establishment. 'It's an open revolt, and it should be,' Bannon said before introducing Ward at her campaign's formal kickoff event."

Politico Analysis: Some Bannon Candidates Also Backed By GOP Establishment. Politico (10/17, Karni, 3.6M) reports that Steve Bannon recently backed state Auditor Matt Rosendale's (R) Montana Senate bid "as part of his war on the GOP establishment." However, Bannon's "interest in Rosendale – as well as many of the other candidates" he's backing – "has some Washington GOP power brokers confused by his definition of 'anti-establishment.' For months, the National Republican Senatorial Committee has been media training Rosendale," who's "also a client of the consulting firm On Message, Inc., one of the most 'establishment' consulting firms in Washington." Politico added, "The overlap between the 'establishment-backed' candidates and those Bannon is elevating in hopes of taking down the establishment has some accusing him of being more interested in a one-man show than his 'season of war against a GOP establishment.'"

Nicholson Hails "Huge Endorsement" By Bannon In GOP Primary. In a report on Sen. Tammy Baldwin's (D-WI) 2018 reelection race, the AP (10/17, Bauer) focuses on the GOP primary, saying that businessman Kevin Nicholson (R) has "won the backing of former presidential strategist Steve Bannon in Wisconsin's US Senate race, a surprise move that sent shockwaves Tuesday through the" Republican contest. Nicholson is battling state Sen. Leah Vukmir (R-WI) in the GOP primary. The AP says, "The endorsement by a political action committee backed by Bannon," the Great America PAC, "comes after both Nicholson and Vukmir met separately in private with Bannon." Nicholson "tweeted on Tuesday that he was 'humbled by this huge endorsement' by Bannon."

Hill Analysis: Trump's Support Gives Barletta Edge In Crowded Primary. In a report on Sen. Bob Casey's (D-PA) 2018 reelection race, The Hill (10/17, Kamisar, Hagen, 1.68M) said that Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA) "is seen as the leading GOP candidate to take on" the incumbent Democrat, "with his chances boosted further after a de facto endorsement from President Trump last week. During a Harrisburg, Pa., rally last Wednesday, Trump lauded" Barletta "as a 'great guy' who will 'win big,'" and "then repeated the praise during an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity. Trump's praise will give Barletta, an early Trump endorser during the presidential race and a key campaign surrogate, a major bump in a crowded primary field that also includes wealthy real estate developer Jeff Bartos."

Eight Democrats On CNN's List Of "10 Senate Seats Most Likely To Switch Parties" In 2018. On its website, CNN (10/17, Bradner, 33.59M) offered its list of "the 10 Senate seats most likely to switch parties in the

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November 2018 midterms." Topping the list is the seat of Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV), followed by those of Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Jeff Flake (R-AZ); Joe Donnelly (D-IN); Joe Manchin (D-WV); Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND): Sherrod Brown (D-OH); Jon Tester (D-MT); Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); and Bill Nelson (D-FL).

Hawley Spokesman Sidesteps Question On Whether Candidate Would Back McConnell. McClatchy (10/17, Wise, 67K) reports that state Attorney Gen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), "Republicans' top recruit to" take on Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) in next year's election, "won't commit to voting for Mitch McConnell as Senate Republican leader if elected in 2018." Asked if the GOP hopeful would back McConnell, Hawley campaign spokesman Scott Paradise "deflected the question," saying in an email, "The Senate is broken and failing the people of Missouri. Josh is running because he is not willing to tolerate the failure of the D.C. establishment any longer. He won't tolerate Claire McCaskill's failure. And he won't tolerate Republican failure, either."

McCaskill Acknowledges "Sloppy" Mistake In Claiming She Was Out When Controversial Bill Passed. The Springfield (MO) News-Leader (10/17, Shesgreen, 61K) reports that McCaskill on Tuesday "said she was wrong when she asserted she'd been undergoing breast cancer treatment on March 17, 2016 – the day the Senate passed legislation undermining the Drug Enforcement Agency's ability to stop suspicious shipments of opioids to what they feared were pill-mills and illicit pharmacies." The bill "dramatically undercut the DEA's efforts to staunch the flow of millions of opioid pills into communities across the country, according to an investigation by the Washington Post and '60 Minutes,' published on Sunday." Speaking on "Monday with CNN, McCaskill said she didn't go along with the bill and was out for breast cancer treatment when it passed." On Tuesday, however, McCaskill "said her statements on Monday were a 'sloppy embarrassing mistake.'"

SLF Unveils Microsite Targeting Democrat Donnelly On Outsourcing. The Hill (10/17, Kamisar, 1.68M) reported that the Senate Leadership Fund (SLF), a super PAC aligned with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, on Tuesday was to unveil "a new microsite" hitting Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) "over revelations from this summer that he earned profit from a family company that outsourced jobs to Mexico. The new website is called 'MexicoJoe.com,' a nod to the pejorative nickname that Republicans have bestowed upon Donnelly since the news broke over the summer. It will be a central hub for the SLF's attacks on Donnelly, hosting content including video and news clippings." Donnelly faces reelection next year.

Nelson Raises Nearly $1.8M In Q3, Has $6.3M Banked For Reelection Race. The Tampa Bay (FL) Times (10/17, Leary, 877K) reports that Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), who faces reelection next year, "raised $1.75 million in the third quarter of 2017 and now has $6.3 million cash-on-hand. The haul comes as Nelson suspended his campaign for several weeks due to the hurricanes, an aide said." Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R), who is term-limited in 2018, is expected to challenge Nelson in next year's election.

Testimony Continues In Menendez's Federal Corruption Trial. In continuing coverage of the federal corruption trial of Sen. Bob Menendez (D) and his longtime friend and donor, eye doctor Salomon Melgen, Bloomberg News (10/17, Weinberg, Voreacos, 4.52M) reports that Menendez's attorneys on Tuesday "sought to show jurors that the New Jersey Democrat was motivated by a desire to improve public policy and not by corrupt intent when he intervened in a Medicare billing dispute at the heart of" the prosecution's case. Testifying for the defense, "Washington lobbyist Alan Reider" discussed "how he helped Melgen contest accusations that he overbilled for Lucentis, a macular degeneration drug that costs doctors $2,000. Reider, a health care lawyer, said he argued to Menendez that Medicare policy that prevented multiple doses of Lucentis from a single bottle was confusing and contradictory." Reider "said his briefing with Menendez in 2012 focused on the multidosing policy rather than Melgen's dispute with the government."

Politico (10/17, Friedman, 3.6M) reported that Rieder "said he learned of at least six other doctors who were concerned about 'multi-dosing,' even though prosecutors have argued only Melgen had an interest in changing the

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government's policy on the issue." Reider, "who testified that he had briefly registered as a lobbyist when representing Melgen" as an attorney, "met with Menendez, who later raised the multi-dosing issue with everyone from bureaucrats at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to then-Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Prosecutors say those meetings were favors Menendez did for Melgen...in exchange for private jet flights, vacations and hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions."

The New York Times (10/17, Wang, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that testifying on Tuesday, "Melgen's wife, Flor Melgen, was alternately subdued and defiant in answering questions about the relationship between her husband and Mr. Menendez." The Times adds that at one point, "after Kirk Ogrosky, a lawyer for Dr. Melgen, asked whether Ms. Melgen had expected to receive anything in return for her donations to Mr. Menendez's campaigns, she replied no. But she then began to explain in Spanish, through an interpreter, that 'every citizen who lives in this country' might expect a return from a candidate who could 'do good for the community.'"

The AP (10/17, Porter) reports that Ms. Melgen "recalled how then-Republican Florida Gov. Charlie Crist showed up at her Palm Beach County home unannounced in October 2010, when he was running for Senate as an independent. Crist apparently was hoping Menendez, at the time the chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, was there that night, she testified. He wasn't, but Crist wound up dining and staying overnight. He reimbursed the Melgens $100 for the dinner. 'So at least one politician knows how to pay your husband back,' Justice Department attorney Monique Abrishami said. Defense attorneys immediately objected, and US District Judge William Walls cautioned jurors to disregard attorneys' 'throwaway questions.'"

NJ News (10/17, Moriarty, Spoto, 1.21M) reports, "Defense attorneys raised the subject of [Crist's reimbursement] to try to address the issue of one of the flights prosecutors allege Menendez took on Melgen's dime as part of a bribe. The defense has argued Menendez should not have been charged in that instance because, they say, that Oct. 9 to 11, 2010, trip to Florida was campaign-related and should have been reimbursed by the DSCC."

Poll: 73% Of New Jersey Voters Say Menendez Should Resign Immediately, If Convicted. Meanwhile, Fox News (10/17, Balara, 12.87M) reported on its website that in a Fox News poll of 679 New Jersey likely voters, taken Oct. 14-16, 63% of those surveyed said that Menendez "should resign immediately," if convicted of the corruption charges, while 19% said "he should wait until the next governor is in office."

Pence: If Convicted, It Would Be "Inappropriate And Wrong" For Menendez To Remain In Senate. The Washington Times (10/17, Persons, 541K) reports that during a Tuesday interview with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, Vice President Pence said that having Menendez continue to serve in the Senate "would be 'inappropriate' if he's convicted in his federal corruption case." Said Pence, "I think that'll be a decision for members of the Senate. But having a convicted felon in the United States Senate, I think, would be altogether inappropriate and wrong."

New Wildfires Emerge In Santa Cruz Mountains.

ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 5, 1:55, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "as firefighters make progress on the devastating wildfires" in California, new fires emerged in the Santa Cruz Mountains on Tuesday night, leaving five firefighters injured. Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital (SSRRH) evacuated all 77 patients. SSRRH Chief Nursing Executive Robin Allen said, "We believe over 30 physicians at this facility lost their homes, as well as over 40 staff members."

Sonoma Sheriff Denies Reports Linking Wildfires To Arson-Related Arrest. The Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight (10/17, Sandhu, Longoria, 59K) reports that on Tuesday, Breitbart News and InfoWars "attempted to link the Sunday arrest of" Latino man Jesus Fabian Gonzalez "on suspicion of arson in Sonoma to the massive, deadly cluster of wildfires burning in California's wine country," but the outlets "offered no evidence to link the man's arrest to the fires and their accounts of the man's arrest were disputed the same day by Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano." Giordano said in a news conference, "There's a story out there he's the arsonist for

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these fires. That is not the case. There is no indication he is related to these fires at all."

Weinstein Resigns From His Company; Amazon Exec Steps Down. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 7, 2:10, Holt, 16.61M) reported Harvey Weinstein on Tuesday officially resigned from the board of his company as more than 50 women accuse him of sexual harassment or assault. The head of Amazon Studios also resigned Tuesday amid sexual harassment allegations, and executive producer Amanda Segel now is accusing Weinstein's brother, Bob Weinstein, of harassing her. The CBS Evening News (10/17, story 9, 0:25, Mason, 11.17M) reported that Spike TV has said it is investigating Segel's claims. A spokesman for Bob Weinstein has "denied the charges."

ABC World News Tonight (10/17, story 4, 2:15, Muir, 14.63M) reported that "other Hollywood A-listers are coming forward with their own experiences" of harassment and assault, with actress Reese Witherspoon claiming she was abused by a "Hollywood director" and Jennifer Lawrence making her own claims.

Women Denounce Harassment In California's State Legislature. The New York Times (10/17, Nagourney, Medina, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that more than 140 women – "including legislators, senior legislative aides and lobbyists" – have drafted a letter denouncing "what they describe as pervasive sexual misconduct by powerful men" in California's state legislature. Women "complained of groping, lewd comments and suggestions of trading sexual favors for legislation while doing business in Sacramento." The letter "comes as the scandal involving Mr. Weinstein had set off a wave of investigations, recriminations and accusations across the nation, including in state capitals in Rhode Island and South Dakota."

NYTimes A1: Secretive "Self-Help" Group For Women Requires Members To Be Branded. In a front-page story, the New York Times (10/17, A1, Meier, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports on the inner workings of a secretive "self-help" organization, called Nxivm, where women, in order to gain admission, "were required to give their recruiter...naked photographs or other compromising material" to ensure their silence about the group and then were "branded" with a cauterizing device. Since the late 1990s, "an estimated 16,000 people have enrolled in courses offered by Nxivm (pronounced Nex-e-um), which it says are designed to bring about greater self-fulfillment by eliminating psychological and emotional barriers." With recent revelations of the "secret sisterhood and branding," scores of members are leaving the organization, and interviews with a dozen of them "portray a group spinning more deeply into disturbing practices."

Trump Accuser Describes Earlier Harassment Experience. In a USA Today (10/17, 8.62M) op-ed, journalist Natasha Stoynoff – who wrote last year in People about being harassed by Donald Trump during a 2005 interview – describes her experience being sexually harassed by an unnamed actor 30 years ago. Stoynoff writes that women are beginning to open up about their experiences of harassment and assault. Women "are not afraid anymore, and there is no room in this world for men of this ilk."

Pence Says Walking Out Of Colts Game Was "Right Thing To Do." WXIN-TV Indianapolis (10/17, 178K) reports online that Vice President Pence said Tuesday that his decision to walk out from an Indianapolis Colts game after players knelt during the national anthem was the right choice. In a radio interview with WIBC-FM's Tony Katz, Pence said, "You know we had had plans for a long time to attend that game. Karen and I were looking very much forward to it, but frankly when we saw that so many players took a knee on the sideline we thought it was the right thing to do to leave." Pence did say he and President Trump had discussed the situation before he came to Indianapolis, and he added that while "everybody is entitled to their opinion...the president and I believe it's not too much to ask for all players to respect our soldiers, respect our flag, respect our national anthem, and that's why we left."

In addition to providing video of Pence's interview with Tony Katz, WIBC-FM Indianapolis (10/17, 7K) reports online that Pence also discussed the Administration's domestic and foreign policy accomplishments and the importance of tax reform. Pence said, "And before the end of this year we're going to cut taxes for working-class families and small businesses all across America."

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NFL Owners, Players Meet To Discuss Anthem Protests. NBC Nightly News (10/17, story 13, 0:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported that NFL team owners and players met on Tuesday in New York to discuss league protocol on kneeling during the national anthem. While the two sides "called the meeting productive," there was no agreement reached on the anthem protests. During the meeting, protests "erupted" outside.

ABC World News Tonight (10/17, lead story, 2:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced Tuesday evening that owners did not ask the players to stand for the national anthem. Players at the meeting said progress was made on bringing attention to the reasons that some were kneeling. Players and owners "are expected to get together to discuss" the kneeling issue again "within the next couple of weeks."

Google Serves "Fake News" Ads On Fact-Checking Sites, NYTimes Finds. A New York Times (10/17, Wakabayashi, Qiu, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) investigation found that enticing fake "headlines served as bait to draw readers to fraudulent sites that masqueraded as mainstream news sites, such as People and Vogue." The Times found that "fake publishers used Google's AdWords system to place the advertisements on websites that fit their broad parameters," including, ironically, "PolitiFact and Snopes, fact-checking sites created precisely to dispel such falsehoods." The article highlights opinion that this investigation's finding underscores the challenges of avoiding so-called "fake news."

National Archives Warned Administration To Preserve Documents. Politico (10/17, Dawsey, Bender, 3.6M) cites sources and documents as indicating "National Archives officials have periodically warned White House lawyers that the Trump administration needs to follow document preservation laws." National Archives officials reportedly "told the White House counsel's office they were concerned that wasn't happening, particularly early in the administration." In addition, the nonpartisan watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics "is suing the Trump administration over its adherence to the record law, citing the use by White House officials of encrypted smartphone apps to communicate, such as Confide and Signal, which are designed to delete data."

Bipartisan Group To Urge Trump To Alter Policing Policies. The New York Times (10/17, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that a "broad coalition" of law enforcement officials and activists "is expected to urge President Trump on Wednesday to adjust policies on policing and criminality, the first time such a group has spoken out against the Trump administration." According to the Times, "some of the nation's most prominent prosecutors, police chiefs and criminal justice overhaul advocates," including Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) and "representatives from the conservative Koch brothers network," will meet in Washington, DC for the National Law Enforcement Summit. Former Attorney General Eric Holder and Sally Q. Yates, "the acting attorney general whom Mr. Trump abruptly fired in the first few days of his presidency, will speak." The presenters "are expected to pose the challenge to Mr. Trump, who ran in 2016 as a 'law and order' candidate but whose attorney general's policies – as well as Mr. Trump's own messaging – have come under increasing criticism from local law enforcement officials."

Open Society Discloses $18 Billion In Donations From Georges Soros. On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, A1, Chung, Das, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) reports that Open Society Foundations said Tuesday that in recent years, George Soros has moved about $18 billion of his money into Open Society. Soros reportedly has no plans to trade the billions now belonging to Open Society, as his family office manages the endowment. The article outlines causes supported by Open Society, including immigration reform, US criminal justice reform, mentoring programs for black and Latino young men, and indirectly, the Black Lives Matter movement.

The New York Times (10/17, Gelles, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) reports that this makes Open Society "the second largest foundation in the United States by assets, according to the National Philanthropic Trust." The Times mentions that Soros had wrongly bet against the stock market after Trump was elected.

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Duckworth: Congress Seeking To Remove Protections For Disabled. In a Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) op-ed, Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) writes that Congress – led by "special interests" in the hospitality and retail industries – are working to undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act by offering legislation that seeks "to shift the burden of ADA compliance away from business owners and onto individuals with disabilities." The argues that if Congress passes the "misguided" ADA Education and Reform Act, "it would send a disgraceful message to Americans with disabilities that their civil rights are not worthy of strong enforcement."

WSJournal Decries Court Ruling Absolving Prosecutors For Using False Information. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes about Tuesday's ruling by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals that absolved prosecutors for the use of false information in the prosecution of hedge fund founder David Ganek. Ganek had sued the prosecutors, seeking damages after the prosecution had put his hedge fund out of business. The appeals court ruled that the prosecutors were immune from liability. The Journal calls this another example of abusive behavior by prosecutors, and it urges the Justice Department to investigate the incident and to discipline the prosecutors.

WSJournal Applauds Gov. Brown's Veto Of Campus Sexual Assault Bill. The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial board praises California Governor Jerry Brown's (D) Sunday veto of a bill that would have codified the Obama Administration's "Dear Colleague" guidance, which said universities would lose federal funds if they did not create courts to litigate Title IX campus sexual assault claims. The Journal urges politicians to stay focused on their principles in spite of desire to buck the Trump Administration.

WPost Offers Farewell To Former Communications Vice President. In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes offers a farewell message for The Post's former vice president of communications, Vincent E. Reed, who died Tuesday at the age of 89. The Post says Reed "leaves a rich legacy" in the lives of the students who benefited from the school he created – Benjamin Banneker Academic High School – and the educators "helped by the support and guidance he provided from his position at The Post."

EDITORIAL WRAP-UP

New York Times. ***"Mr Trump Outdoes Himself In Picking A Conflicted Regulator."*** A New York Times (10/17, Subscription Publication, 13.56M) editorial says President Trump has "made a habit of filling important jobs with people dedicated to undermining the laws they're supposed to administer while pampering the industries they're supposed to regulate," and "yet no nomination has been as brazen, as dangerous to public health and as deserving of Senate rejection as that of Michael Dourson to run the EPA office in charge of reviewing chemicals used in agriculture, industry and household products." Dourson's nomination is "enthusiastically endorsed by the chemical industry," but "horrifies environmental groups, public health advocates, firefighters and scientists." The Times says it "would take just a few Republicans to block the nomination," and urges senators to "think hard about the impact their votes could have on the health of Americans for years to come."

Washington Post. ***"Janet Yellen Deserves A Second Term As Fed Chair."*** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes that President Trump should select Janet Yellen for a second term as Federal Reserve Chairman because of her experience with steadily raising interest rates and with the unwinding of the Fed's asset purchasing program, her encouragement and defense of safeguards on financial institutions, and her relative flexibility compared with the other candidates. The Post concludes that her selection would signal the preservation of the Federal Reserve's independence from politicization and "would send a reassuring message of continuity."

"The Hope For Change In Venezuela Suffers A Crushing Blow." A Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) editorial says "hopes that Venezuela could emerge from its catastrophic political and economic collapse by democratic means suffered a crushing and perhaps terminal blow on Sunday" when the government of Nicolás Maduro staged elections for provincial governors. Polls showed the opposition, "which reluctantly

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agreed to participate, would win up to two-thirds of the races," and yet the results "announced by pro-regime election authorities were nearly the opposite." The Post argues that Sunday's result suggests that a free and fair democratic election in Venezuela "is no longer possible."

"Saying Farewell To A Local Icon Of National Renown." In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/17, 10.38M) writes offers a farewell message for The Post's former vice president of communications, Vincent E. Reed, who died Tuesday at the age of 89. The Post says Reed "leaves a rich legacy" in the lives of the students who benefited from the school he created – Benjamin Banneker Academic High School – and the educators "helped by the support and guidance he provided from his position at The Post."

Wall Street Journal. ***"The Realtors Take A Tax Hostage."*** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) writes that The National Association of Realtors' attack on GOP tax legislation is based upon their desire to keep middle-class tax rates high to preserve their mortgage interest deduction subsidy. The Journal concludes that Republicans should stand firm against the housing lobby's efforts against the GOP plan.

"Jerry Brown's Title IX Veto." The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorial board praises California Governor Jerry Brown's (D) Sunday veto of a bill that would have codified the Obama Administration's "Dear Colleague" guidance, which said universities would lose federal funds if they did not create courts to litigate Title IX campus sexual assault claims. The Journal urges politicians to stay focused on their principles in spite of desire to buck the Trump Administration.

"Prosecutorial Impunity." The Wall Street Journal (10/17, Subscription Publication, 6.45M) editorializes about Tuesday's ruling by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals that absolved prosecutors for the use of false information in the prosecution of hedge fund founder David Ganek. Ganek had sued the prosecutors, seeking damages after the prosecution had put his hedge fund out of business. The appeals court ruled that the prosecutors were immune from liability. The Journal calls this another example of abusive behavior by prosecutors, and it urges the Justice Department to investigate the incident and to discipline the prosecutors.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

WALL STREET JOURNAL:

Senators Reach Deal To Shore Up Health Markets
Soros Transfers $18 Billion To Foundation, Creating Instant Giant
US-Backed Forces Say They Have Taken Last Islamic State Urban Stronghold
The Other Brother: Bob Weinstein Was An Abusive Boss

NEW YORK TIMES:

2 Senators Strike Deal On Health Subsidies That Trump Cut Off
Raqqa, ISIS 'Capital,' Is Captured, US-Backed Forces Say
As Party Gathers, Xi Jinping Displays A Firm Grip On Power
Inside A Secretive Group Where Women Are Branded
Navy SEALs Were Ready If Pakistan Failed To Free Family Held As Hostages
Women Denounce Harassment In California's Capital

WASHINGTON POST:

Latest Healthcare Effort Quickly Stalls
US-Backed Force Says Raqqa Free Of ISIS
Despite Decision Against Uber, London's Rivalry Between Traditional, Modern Transit Continues
Drug Czar Pick Bows Out Amid Criticism Of Law
Judge Largely Halts Latest Version Of Travel Ban

FINANCIAL TIMES:

US-Backed Forces Claim Victory Over ISIS In Raqqa As Jihadis Flee
Airbus Challenges Boeing With Vow To Create US Jobs
Wall St Banks Boosted By Lending To Rich Clients

Washington Times:

Trump Supports Bipartisan Short-Term Fix To Stabilize Obamacare
Judge Blocks Trump's Travel Ban For Third Time
Islamic State's 'Caliphate' Dissolves, But Ideology, Operations Spread Around World
New York Times' Social Media Policy Only Hides Political Bias, Doesn't Eliminate It
Biden And Kasich Claim Political Center, Turn Bipartisan Talk Against Trump

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After Year In Coffin, Thai King's Body Prepared For Royal Cremation

STORY LINEUP FROM LAST NIGHT'S NETWORK NEWS:

ABC: NFL Owners Meeting; Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; California Wildfires; Travel Restriction Blocked; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ohio-Police Violence; Cold Medicine Murder; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; Aspiring Kid.

CBS: Opioid Epidemic-Marino Nomination Withdrawn; Opioid Epidemic-Hard Hit Area; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; McCain, Biden-Trump Criticisms; White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; Travel Restriction Blocked; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; Young Political Candidates.

NBC: White House-Fallen Soldiers Call; Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; Wall Street Records; Opioid Epidemic-Marino Nomination Withdrawn; Opioid Epidemic-Chinese Imports; Travel Restriction Blocked; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal; United Overbooking Investigation; Texas Air Balloon Crash Investigation; Syria-Raqqa Assault; Ford Explorers-Call For Recall; NFL Owners Meeting; GMO Apple; Brooklyn-Loose Cow; Creative Chemistry Class.

NETWORK TV AT A GLANCE:

White House-Fallen Soldiers Call – 8 minutes, 15 seconds
Opioid Epidemic – 6 minutes, 25 seconds
Syria-Raqqa Assault – 6 minutes, 15 seconds
Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal – 4 minutes, 50 seconds
Ford Explorers-Call For Recall – 4 minutes, 20 seconds
Travel Restriction Blocked – 1 minute, 20 seconds

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FOX: Bipartisan Healthcare Plan; California Wildfires; Weinstein Sexual Harassment Scandal.

NPR: Travel Restriction Blocked; California Wildfires; NFL Owners Meeting; Amazon Sexual Harassment Scandal.

LAST LAUGHS

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "They have a policy where if an animal escapes a slaughterhouse, it gets to go free. Isn't that great? The bull is being sent to a rehabilitation facility for misbehaving cows. That's the good news. The bad news is it is also where they sent Harvey Weinstein."

Trevor Noah: "Speaking of hairy creatures, yesterday President Trump held a surprise press conference with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, which is kind of the worst surprise ever. 'Surprise, I brought Mitch McConnell!' Boo! What kind of surprise party is [with] Mitch McConnell?"

Trevor Noah: "I don't know, something's fishy here. They sound less like real friends and more like Trump trying to get Mitch a green card. 'This gentleman, I'm going to say Mitch, right, Mr. Immigration Officer, this relationship is special, it's so special.' 'That's what you said about Melania.'"

Trevor Noah: "See what [President Trump] said? 'President Obama never called. I call and I write. I also haven't called and I didn't write. But I do, except when I don't, which is now.'"

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Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

December 20, 2018

Ms. Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the fifth interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.
2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.
3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:
    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
    d. @c-fam.org
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Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 48 pages of responsive records responsive in part to Items 1, 4, and 5 above. Four-hundred and seventy-eight pages are being sent to other HHS components and other agencies for consultation.

Some of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

The FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The exemption protects agency deliberations, both internal and with agency contractors and consultants, attorney-client privileged records and attorney work product. In this case, the withheld information includes pre-decisional discussions within the agency and between agency staff and contractors about management of ORR programs and/or individual children and sensitive communications between agency staff seeking legal advice and counsel on policy and other matters.

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identities, email addresses, phone number, and/or other private information of private individuals and the cell phone numbers of federal employees. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government.

Sincerely yours,

Celeste Smith
Acting Director
Office of Communications
Freedom of Information Office
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services

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Thank you Kim. Please brief me on what you've identified before providing to requester. Thanks much.

On: 03 April 2018 14:16,

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Subject:	FW: Termination of Pregnancy
Date:	2018/07/26 15:33:00
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From: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of Pregnancy

Scott,
See below update for UAC in NY requesting TOP.

Jallyn N. Sualog
Deputy Director for Children's Programs
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Washington, DC 20201
Jallyn.Sualog@acf.hhs.gov
O: (202) 401-4997
C: (202) (b)(6)

From: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF) <Jallyn.Sualog@ACF.hhs.gov>
Cc: Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>; Patel, Mita (ACF) (CTR) <Mita.Patel@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of Pregnancy

HI Jallyn,

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I wanted to give you an update on this case:

As you recall:

UAC is a 15 yo (b)(6) who was admitted to Homestead and screened positive for pregnancy. While at Homestead, the minor denied sexually activity. She was transferred to Boystown. At Boystown, she was reported to be ~12 weeks gestation and had an OB/GYN visit on 7/10. She has requested a termination of pregnancy.

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The minor was transfer and is currently at Rising Ground (formerly Leake and Watts) in NY. In the SIR, the pregnancy is a result of consensual sexual relations with her 16 yo boyfriend in COO. From the SIR, she has reviewed her options and confirmed her request for termination. The minor has talked with the ACLU attorney and the child has been offered spiritual services. The attorney has expedited an appointment with Planned Parenthood. An appointment is pending per DHUC knowledge. The program asked if an SMR is needed because of procedural sedation and as we discussed an SMR is not warranted. The program will continue to work towards reunification with the child's uncle.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Michael

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Subject: RE: Termination of Pregnancy

Hi Jallyn,

The UAC recently arrived to the program and the process has yet to begin. Other documentation indicates that the potential sponsor is conferring with his own legal counsel and does not want to submit requested items for sponsorship consideration at this time.

Michael

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What's the status of reunification?

On: 18 July 2018 06:57, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:
Hi Jallyn,

I am bringing this to your attention for guidance.

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Advise is being sought by the FFS and the program on how to proceed.

v/r

Michael

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Importance: High

All,

Checking to see if there if any specific updated guidance I need to follow for a terminations of pregnancy.

- I have outdated memo but I will tailor and submit; if there's an updated one please let me know.
- SIR was completed in relations to minor pregnancy and wishes to terminate.
- Minor is 12 weeks pregnant and NY state has a max of 24 weeks for terminations
- NY state does not require that women (underage or not) receive counseling before an abortion
- Minors do not need parental consent
- There isn't a notification or residency requirement prior to terminating pregnancy.
- Abortions are paid by NY state, regardless if the pregnancy is result of consensual sex or rape.

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Please advise.

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Jim,

I am not sure what the current guidance is to the program in this case.

Do you know what guidance to issue to the program?

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They are needing a response.

Michael

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Thanks, Mita.

Is there anything I need to do on my end?

Dana

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Thank you, Mita.

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Hello Stephen,

I am adding DCSMedical to this message.

Best,
Mita

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Subject: Terminating pregnancy

Good morning Kirsten and Mita,

I am e-mailing you in reference to a minor who was transferred to us yesterday from catholic charities due to minor wanting an abortion and they don't offer those services for her over there. She was counseled over there and that's the minors decision. She is 12 wks and wanted to know if minors still will be able to go to plan parenthood for this as we did in the past with a Dr.

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referral? I am not sure if things changed for process with minors wanting to terminate pregnancy so I just wanted to be sure. Please advise... Thank you.

(b)(6)
Medical/Travel Coordinator.
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Good Morning Romy,

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Hello (b)(6)

I will be on work travel next week and will be unavailable to join the call. I am happy to connect with you when I return. Talk to you soon!

Best,
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- • The topic of this call is **HOW BEST TO LAUNCH THE LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE** so that it is sustainable in the long term and doesn't live or die depending on who lives in the White House.

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- • Is a White House Summit on Children And Families the best way to encourage communities to launch OR is there a different, less political alternative?

Given the time constraints on this call, if there are specific points or questions you would like to raise, please email me prior to the call so that I can be sure to call on you as time permits.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C ST, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

January 22, 2019

Ms. Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the sixth interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.
2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.
3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:
    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
    d. @c-fam.org
    e. @nrlc.org
    f. @adflegal.org
    g. @legalworks.com
    h. @kofc.org
4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding

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services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 31 pages of responsive records responsive in part to Items 1, 4, and 5 above. Five-hundred and twenty pages are being sent to other HHS components and other agencies for consultation.

Portions of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemption (b)(6).

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identities, email addresses, phone number, and/or other private information of private individuals and the cell phone numbers of federal employees. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government.

Sincerely yours,

Carla C. Smith -S

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Celeste Smith
Director, Freedom of Information Office
Office of Communications
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services

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Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

John,

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Thank you,
Scott

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Type:	Note

Amy,

Not sure what happened but I'm not waved in. I re-submitted my information just now if there's something you need to do on your end.

Thank you,
Scott

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Subject:	Where are the missing children
Date:	2018/05/28 01:11:01
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

Where are the missing children?

Thank you.

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(b)(6)

Denver, Colorado 80220

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Briefing Request #1:

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>; Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR) <Brian.Kurkjy@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Briefing Request

Hi Anna Marie and Brian,

Would you please send me some dates/times that Scott Lloyd could do a briefing for Energy and Commerce majority staff on the 1,500 kids? Next week, June 4 would be better but if he only has times this week, that's fine.

An interesting note, one of the House staff members requesting the briefing is Josh Trent. He was ORR's Deputy Director during the second Bush Administration when Martha Newton was the Director.

Thank you,
Scott

Scott Logan
Director
Division of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Washington, D.C. 20201
202.401.4529

From: Barblan, Jennifer
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Hayes, Sean (HHS/ASL)
Cc: Trent, Josh; Havens, Brittany
Subject: Briefing Request

Hi Sean –

Sorry to bombard you with requests before the long weekend. We're getting some questions on last month's testimony that HHS had lost track of nearly 1,500 migrant children placed with U.S. sponsors. Steven Wagner (Administration for Children and Families) testified about it before Senate. Can we set up a staff briefing to get an update on this? Next week or early the week of June 4 would be ideal so we can brief the members when they return.

https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/04/26/us/politics/migrant-children-missing.html#click=https://t.co/actJjumDNz

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Barblan
Chief Counsel, Oversight & Investigations
Committee on Energy & Commerce
Hon. Greg Walden, Chairman

Briefing Request #2:

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>; Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR) <Brian.Kurkjy@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Briefing #2, this one for Dr. Burgess. Would you please send me another set of dates/times Scott Lloyd could do this one next week? ASL will see if they would agree to do a joint briefing with the Energy and Commerce staff but it's doubtful since this is a personal briefing for Dr. Burgess (he's on Energy and Commerce).

From: Huggins, Rachel [mailto:Rachel.Huggins@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF) <scott.logan@acf.hhs.gov>

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Cc: Baldwin, Amanda <Amanda.Baldwin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Hi Scott,

Dr. Burgess would like to meet with someone from ORR or ACF to discuss illegal arrivals along the Southwest border. Previously, Dr. Burgess did a lot of work with ORR on how UACs were treated and has been to the border and ORR facilities numerous times. Our most recent concern was what happened to UACs when released to sponsors since many of them could not be tracked. I believe part of the problem was that it was outside of HHS jurisdiction to do so. Given recent reporting on the separation of children from their parents, Dr. Burgess would like to get an update on the situation and current detention policies.

Please let me know what you need from me to facilitate this meeting. As I mentioned, Dr. Burgess has requested that this meeting take place next week and is willing to come to HHS offices if need be. He can also be available to fly in Monday.

Thank you,

Rachel Huggins
Legislative Director
Rep. Michael Burgess (TX-26)
2336 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-7772

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Dear Honorable Clerk of Archives;
I am emailing you on our governments' historical form, being a Judiciary, and letters of settlement as perscribed Supreme Court of the United States Rule Seventeen award and private property unlawfully witheld BOND 7/14/17 AB U.S.C.A. 7th to be set on Congressional depository for monetary Bank post outcome, askew.
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Sincerely,
Robert T. Keefe

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Dave,

This is the draft I've referenced, which is different I think from what you had in mind. If you could share with us some ideas on how to present the language, that would be helpful.

Thank you,

Scott

From: "Biswas, Toby R M (ACF)" <Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov>

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Hi Chanel,
Could you put Friday at 9:15 for Scott to do a briefing for Rep. Burgess and E&C Committee (they've agreed to combine the briefing)? Thanks,
AnnaMarie

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2018 8:22 AM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>
Cc: Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR) <Brian.Kurkjy@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Does Friday at 9:15 still work? In some good news, Burgess has agreed to combine his meeting request with the E&C committee staff request.

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Possibilities for one of the briefings.

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Subject: RE: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Hi Anna Marie,
It looks like Scott could make the following work for this briefing and the one with the Committee on Energy and Commerce (Walden):

Tuesday, June 5th: 1 – 3 (Chanel, Scott said it's ok to move his meeting with Maggie for later in the afternoon if needed.)

Wednesday, June 6th: 2 – 4

Friday, June 8th: 9 – 10, after 1 pm

Lauren

From: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Edwards, Lauren (ACF) <Lauren.Edwards@acf.hhs.gov>; Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR) <Brian.Kurkjy@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Here's the second briefing request.

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>; Kurkjy, Brian (ACF) (CTR) <Brian.Kurkjy@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

Briefing #2, this one for Dr. Burgess. Would you please send me another set of dates/times Scott Lloyd could do this one next week? ASL will see if they would agree to do a joint briefing with the Energy and Commerce staff but it's doubtful since this is a personal briefing for Dr. Burgess (he's on Energy and Commerce).

From: Huggins, Rachel [mailto:Rachel.Huggins@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF) <scott.logan@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Baldwin, Amanda <Amanda.Baldwin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Rep. Burgess mtg request: Next week

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Hi Scott,

Dr. Burgess would like to meet with someone from ORR or ACF to discuss illegal arrivals along the Southwest border. Previously, Dr. Burgess did a lot of work with ORR on how UACs were treated and has been to the border and ORR facilities numerous times. Our most recent concern was what happened to UACs when released to sponsors since many of them could not be tracked. I believe part of the problem was that it was outside of HHS jurisdiction to do so. Given recent reporting on the separation of children from their parents, Dr. Burgess would like to get an update on the situation and current detention policies.

Please let me know what you need from me to facilitate this meeting. As I mentioned, Dr. Burgess has requested that this meeting take place next week and is willing to come to HHS offices if need be. He can also be available to fly in Monday.

Thank you,

Rachel Huggins
Legislative Director
Rep. Michael Burgess (TX-26)
2336 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-7772

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CC:	"kirsten_gillibrand@gillibrand.senate.gov"; "Scheduling_schumer@schumer.senate.gov"; "NY18SMIMA@mail.house.gov"
Subject:	Treatment of immigrants seeking asylum
Date:	2018/06/06 10:53:00
Priority:	Normal
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Sir,

I am appalled at how this administration is handling the influx of refugees at the US/Mexican border. Regardless of the legal issues surrounding immigration, the forced separation of children from parents and this administration's refusal to allow a thorough investigation of such actions are deplorable. Your whole process is suspect and requires an open review to ensure humane treatment of those detained. As an American citizen I'm ashamed that this administration can support such barbaric practices. We are certainly better than this.

Sincerely,

James Guilianelli
(845)(b)(6)

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CC:	"Sean Elsbernd <Sean_Elsbernd@feinstein.senate.gov>"
Subject:	Return children to their parents and siblings
Date:	2018/06/06 20:28:01
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Mr. Scott Lloyd
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street SW
Mailstop 5123
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Sir,
You have seen 6 children. How would you like to have them taken from (b)(6) nd you and put into cages, sleeping on the floor and separated from each other? How can you as a good Catholic treat children this way?

What are you doing to change this situation and returning these children to their rightful families?

. You should be ashamed of his your agency is treating them.
Yours, Emily Blanck.

Thank you
Sent from my iPhone
Please excuse the brevity and any typos from my iPhone.

Emily Blanck
(b)(6)

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"While there is a chance of the world getting through its troubles, I hold that a reasonable person has to behave as though they were sure of it. If at the end your cheerfulness is not justified, at any rate you will have been cheerful. " H. G. WELLS

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Mary E. Switzer Building
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

February 20, 2019

Ms. Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the sixth interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.
2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.
3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:
    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
    d. @c-fam.org
    e. @nrlc.org
    f. @adflegal.org
    g. @legalworks.com
    h. @kofc.org
4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding

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services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. Please find enclosed 30 pages of responsive records responsive in part to Items 1, 4, and 5 above. Five-hundred and thirty four pages are being sent to other HHS components and other agencies for consultation.

Portions of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld under the FOIA exemption (b)(6).

The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case, the withheld information consists of the names, identities, email addresses, phone number, and/or other private information of private individuals and the cell phone numbers of federal employees. Public disclosure of this information would constitute an invasion of privacy of those individuals whose identifying information was disclosed. In withholding the information, the individual's privacy interest was balanced against any public interest in disclosure. In each instance where information was withheld, it was determined that the individual's privacy interests outweighed any public interest in disclosure of the withheld information. Disclosure of the withheld information would invade the privacy of the subject individuals but would reveal nothing about the operations or activities of the government.

Sincerely yours,

Carla C. Smith -S

Digitally signed by Carla C. Smith -S
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Celeste Smith
Director, Freedom of Information Office
Office of Communications
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services

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Subject:	coffee tomorrow
Date:	2018/06/07 22:26:00
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Theo,

Let me know if you're still interested in grabbing coffee tomorrow.

Thanks!
Scott

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E. Scott Lloyd
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Justin,

Three things:

1. To answer your question below—yes…I received an update from the program, just need a minute to type it out.

2. I owe the group a bed capacity plan. I've not forgotten—I am just getting it through final clearance at the Department. Please standby and thank you for your patience.

3. If it is possible to move HHS' piece back toward the end of the meeting, I will be joining the PCC late from another meeting at the WH.

Thank you,

Scott

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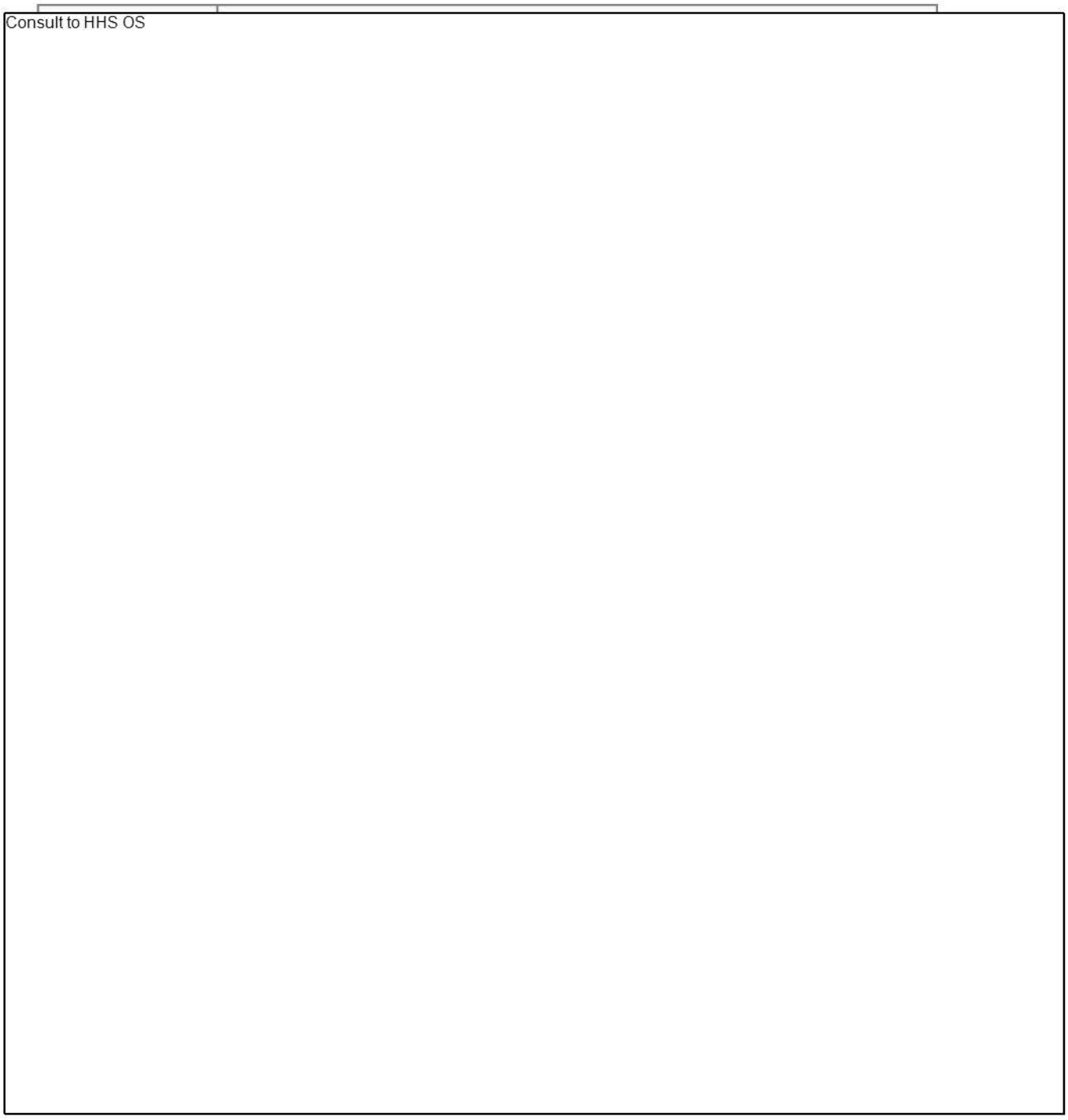
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CC:	"Senator_Merkley@merkley.senate.gov"
Subject:	Response requested- Human rights violations
Date:	2018/06/13 17:58:24
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

As a US citizen, Public Health professional, and human rights advocate, I want it to be on record that you are committing human rights violations against the thousands of adults and children whom you are keeping under duress as they arrive to the US seeking asylum.

Article 5 from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

I sincerely hope that you and the Trump administration are held accountable. The world is watching and waiting for this.

Please respond and tell me how you intend to reunite the parents with their children whom you've stolen from them, and whom you've subjected to cruel treatment.

Thank you,
Hope L. Hardaker, MPH
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They have my birthday as

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It is

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Subject:	Could you give me a call when you get a chance?
Date:	2018/06/14 18:30:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Tomorrow works alright, too. Cell below.
Thanks!
Scott

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E. Scott Lloyd
Director
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Date:	2018/06/15 16:55:37
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FYI, on a Brownsville congressional event following Monday's UAC tours. Note the bishop of the diocese will be there, among others --

Ken

From: Homeland Security Dems <CHSDemPress@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:12 PM
Subject: FW: EMBARGOED: Vela to Host Roundtable Following Visit to Casa Padre and Casa Presidente

STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 1 PM CST JUNE 18, 2018
For Planning Purposes

Day-of Press Contact:
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Democratic Members to Visit Separated Children (***STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 1 PM CST JUNE 18, 2018***)

Brownsville, TX — On Monday, June 18th at 1:00 PM CST, Congressman Filemon Vela will host a roundtable with Members of Congress and local immigration advocates regarding the family separation crisis.

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Last month, the Trump Administration instituted a "zero tolerance" immigration plan, designed to deter undocumented families from entering the country. The policy has had the inevitable effect of ripping children from their parents' arms while they await prosecution. Children have been relocated to Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) facilities, where they remain an average of 56 days.

Members of Congress will be visiting Casa Padre and Casa Presidente in Brownsville, TX—facilities where unaccompanied and separated children are being held. Following the visit, Members and local immigration advocates will participate in a roundtable to discuss the impact of the family separation plan.

The roundtable will be livestreamed here.

WHO
Rep. Filemon Vela (TX-34)
Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Bennie Thompson (MS-2)
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)
Rep. Ben Ray Luján (NM-3)
Rep. Joaquin Castro (TX-20)
Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15)
Monsignor Bert Diaz, St. Mary's Catholic Church
Bishop Daniel Flores, Catholic Diocese of Brownsville
Jodi Goodwin, immigration lawyer
Sister Phyllis Peters, Proyecto Juan Diego
Lupita Sanchez, Proyecto Juan Diego
Michael Seifert, ACLU

WHEN
Monday, June 18, 2018
1:00 – 2:00 PM: Family separation roundtable

WHERE
D'Gala Eventos Reception
3620 Ruben M. Torres Sr. Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78526

RSVP
Please RSVP to brenda.rangel@mail.house.gov. RSVP not necessary, but appreciated.

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Subject:	RE: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15
Date:	2018/06/15 23:15:35
Priority:	Normal
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Thank you. I'll share this now.

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Subject: RE: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15

Status of infrastructure deployment and expected timeline
-Expected capacity of facility: Current capacity of the facility is 360.
-Number of children currently present at facility and number expected to arrive within the next days: Approximately 96, with another group scheduled to arrive tonight to bring the total to 296.
-Characteristics and conditions of facilities and infrastructure: The site consists of soft-sided structures that are adequate and safe to house male UAC that are between 13-17 years of age.
-Estimated costs: Current cost is approximately $15M.
-Estimated duration of the operation: There is no specified duration of the operation at this time.

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Subject: FW: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15
Importance: High

Jallyn,

What info could you answer in O'Rourke's q's below?

Scott

From: Rodarte, Samuel <Samuel.Rodarte@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15

Hi Scott –

I know your team is very busy with all the requests but can you provide us with some basic facts about the operation at Tornillo. For example:

-Status of infrastructure deployment and expected timeline
-Expected capacity of facility

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-Number of children currently present at facility and number expected to arrive within the next days
-Characteristics and conditions of facilities and infrastructure
-Estimated costs
-Estimated duration of the operation

Congressman O'Rourke would appreciate any even if brief information on those items. We want to make sure we have the right information.

Thanks again for all your help,
-Sam Rodarte

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From: Acosta, Stephanie
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Subject: RE: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15

Hi Scott – Please see attached and let me know if you require any additional information.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15

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Hi Sam,

HHS requests 2 weeks notice for tour requests of UAC shelters. Would you please complete the attached form and return it to us?

Thank you,
Scott

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Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 12:56 PM
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Cc: Acosta, Stephanie <Stephanie.Acosta@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Tornillo Tour Request for June 15

Scott –

We understand that HHS/ORR has selected the Port of Entry at Tornillo, Texas, for the construction of tents to temporarily house the overflow of immigrant children. We also understand that children will begin arriving in the next few days.

Congressman O'Rourke would like to request a tour for staff member, Stephanie Acosta, of the Tornillo facility today, Friday, June 15. How can we facilitate this visit within the next few hours?

If it is easier, please contact at me at 202-225-4831 at your earliest opportunity, and let me know if you require additional information.

Thank you,
-Sam Rodarte

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Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Sir,

I was a little puzzled by your comments, so if there's something you've heard that I can address I'd value the opportunity to do so. (b)(6)

In any case I'll take what you've said to heart.

Thank you,
Scott

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Case No: 18-F-0029
Civil Action 18-cv-0248

August 20, 2019

Ms. Katie O'Connor
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Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is the eighth interim response of the Administration for Children and Families to Ms. Katie O'Connor's October 27, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor sought the following items:

1. All records related to Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") policy regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes memoranda, directives, policy statements, policy interpretations, policy guidance, talking points, and other similar documents reflecting ORR policy.
2. All records related to ORR Director Scott Lloyd's visits to ORR grantee shelters that house unaccompanied immigrant minors. This request includes calendar entries, travel and accommodation requests and approvals, itineraries, briefing memoranda, and meeting notes.
3. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the Susan B. Anthony List, Concerned Women for America, the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Family and Human Rights ("C-Fam"), National Right to Life, Alliance Defending Freedom, Legal Works Apostolate, or the Knights of Columbus regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters. This request includes communications to or from anyone using email addresses from the following domains:

    a. @sba-list.org
    b. @cwfa.org
    c. @heritage.org
    d. @c-fam.org
    e. @nrlc.org
    f. @adflegal.org
    g. @legalworks.com
    h. @kofc.org

4. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or

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exchanged between representatives of ORR and representatives of the White House regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

5. All communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other documents received by representatives of ORR from, sent by representatives of ORR to, or exchanged between representatives of ORR and members and staff of the U.S. Congress regarding services for pregnant unaccompanied immigrant minors in federal custody and/or housed at ORR grantee shelters.

Your request was sent to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer for a search for responsive records. My office has reviewed 502 pages responsive to items 1, 4 and 5 of your request. Enclosed are 287 pages that are being released at this time. Some of the information on the enclosed pages has been withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). The remaining 215 pages are being sent to other HHS components and other agencies for consultation.

Sincerely yours,

Carla C. Smith -S

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I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation. (Updates since 3/29/18)

- *NEW LITIGATION: Escobar v Lloyd.* On 4/9, a minor who prevailed in his Flores bond hearing in March (but has not yet been released), filed a habeas petition.
- *NEW LITIGATION: FAIR v HHS.* On 4/6, the Federation for American Immigration Reform filed a FOIA action against HHS, seeking enforcement of Feb. 8, 2018 request for: communications between ORR Deputy Director and USCCB, data on DACA arrivals, and data depicting age breakdown of UAC arrivals.
- In *Ms. L* (family separations by DHS), on 4/6, the government filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction, and a Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim.
- In *LVM* (case seeking to certify class of secure and staff secure placements in NY), there was a status conference on 3/29, where the court ordered depositions for the ORR Director and an ORR staff member based in New York. On 4/10, LVM filed a Joint Letter requesting modification of the Discovery and Briefing Schedule.
- In *Alvarado* (Federal Tort Claims suit against DHS briefly naming ORR), on 3/29, the court reset various deadlines and hearing dates.
- In *Garza* (abortion), on 3/30, the District Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class. On 4/9, the government filed a Notice of Appeal to the DC Appeals Court.
- In *Doe v SVJC* (suit alleging bad conditions at a care provider), on 4/4, plaintiffs filed a Reply to SVJC's Response to plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- In *Saravia* (habeas case giving rise to *Saravia* hearings for certain minors re-apprehended by DHS on gang allegations), on 4/6, the government filed its Reply Brief to plaintiffs' Answering Brief, on the question: Did the district court err in concluding that the government's arrest and subsequent custody of A.H. violated A.H.'s procedural due process rights?
- In "Nash" (FOIA action seeking release of records related to the Juvenile Referral Program), on 4/5, the court issued a new Scheduling Order.

Refugee litigation.

- 2 active cases; no updates since 3/29/18

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***Flores* bond hearings**.

- There are currently 19 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Houston, TX
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Arlington, VA
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
  - 3 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
  - 2 hearings are scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
  - 1 minor withdrew his previous request for a hearing
- **To date there have been:**
  - 38 IJ decisions:
    - 25 agreeing with ORR
    - 13 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
  - 27 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
  - 30 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., released per *Saravia* hearing; reunification with a sponsor; ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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UAC litigation.

- *NEW*. *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 4/16, *Flores* class plaintiffs filed an enforcement action in the Central District of California seeking court-ordered procedural remedies, requiring ORR to: (1) enable UACs to contest transfers from shelters to more restrictive placements; (2) obtain parental consent or its lawful equivalent before administering psychotropic drugs to any UAC; and (3) more promptly release non-dangerous UACs to available custodians, or else submit doubts about custodians' fitness for neutral and detached review.
- *Maldonado et al v Lloyd* (habeas case). On 4/12, the government filed its response to plaintiffs' Petition. The Plaintiffs filed their reply on 4/16. On 4/18, the court heard oral arguments.
- In *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY), on 4/12, the Court endorsed the parties' joint 4/10 Letter modifying the schedule for Discovery and Briefing. Deposition due by 4/17/18. Motions due by 4/27/18. Responses due by 5/21/18. Replies due by 5/29/18.
- In *Garza* (abortion access), on 4/13, the District Court granted Plaintiffs' 4/10 Motion for Notice to Class, requiring the government to: post notices in all facilities informing pregnant UACs they may seek abortions and informing them of their coverage under this litigation; orally inform pregnant UACs of their rights during Know Your Rights presentations; and provide a POC if they encounter any issues. On 4/16, the District Court modified its 3/30 Class Certification to allow ORR or its shelters to reveal a pregnancy or abortion decision if the class member provided non-coerced consent to the disclosure or needs emergency medical care and is incapacitated such that she is unable to inform a medical care provider herself. On 4/12, the government filed for Permission to Appeal the District Court's Class Certification in the Court of Appeals for DC.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates

***Flores* bond hearings**.

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- There are currently 18 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Houston, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in Arlington, VA
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
    - 3 minors withdrew their requests for hearings
    - 1 individual who previously requested a hearing was released per an age redetermination
- **To date there have been:**
    - 38 IJ decisions:
        - 25 agreeing with ORR
        - 13 overruling ORR
    - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
    - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
    - 30 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
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UAC litigation.

- *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 4/20, the Court reset the hearing date and briefing schedule (hearing date reset from 5/18/18 to 6/29/18; defendants' opposition to be filed by 5/25/18; Plaintiffs' reply to be filed by 6/15/18)
- *Maldonado et al v Lloyd* (habeas case by mother of a UAC who prevailed in his *Flores* bond hearing). On 4/18, the court heard oral arguments, and the plaintiff filed a Letter on the question of ORR's positive suitability assessment of the minor's sponsor 14 months previously, for the minor's sister. On 4/19, the government filed its letter regarding the previous positive suitability assessment. On 4/20, the government filed a Letter attaching the 4/19/18 BIA decision denying reconsideration of its emergency discretionary stay of the Immigration Court's grant of *Flores* bond ((“Accordingly, the dangerousness determination in E.H.E.'s case therefore is not yet final and will be made in the context of the BIA proceedings”).
- *Ms. L.* (habeas petition regarding family separations by DHS). On 4/20, the defendants filed its responses to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Motion to Dismiss, and Motion to Certify Class.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 4/24, the Plaintiffs filed a letter motion for extension of time.
- *Garza* (abortion access). On 4/19, the Plaintiffs/Appellees filed their Opposition to the government appellant's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal.
- *Doe v SVJC* (class action against an ORR care provider). On 4/20, Plaintiffs filed (and the Court granted) a Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Motion for Class Certification (due 5/4/18).
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion litigation based on Establishment Clause). On 4/20, the ACLU filed its Motion for Summary Judgment (motion hearing set for 8/9/18). On 4/24, the ACLU filed an Errata re its Motion for Summary Judgment.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates

***Flores* bond hearings**.

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- There are currently 15 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearings is scheduled in Arlington, VA
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
    - 1 UAC was denied bond by the Houston court
    - 2 UACs were granted bond by the Philadelphia court, pursuant to Letters signed by the ORR Director of non-dangerousness.
    - 1 UAC withdrew his request for a hearing
- **To date there have been:**
    - 41 IJ decisions:
        - 28 agreeing with ORR
        - 13 overruling ORR
    - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
    - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
    - 31 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
    - 31 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., released per *Saravia* hearing; reunification with a sponsor; ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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UAC litigation.

- *Ms. L.* (habeas petition regarding family separations by DHS). On 4/27, the government filed Replies to the Plaintiffs' Motion to dismiss, Motion to Certify Class, and Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 4/30, the Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Preliminary Injunction, attaching a memorandum of law and various declarations in support. The government's response is due by 5/14.
- *Garza* (abortion access). On 4/26, in the 9th Circuit, the government filed its Reply to plaintiffs' Response in Opposition to the government's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal. (The District court on 4/25 denied the government's Motion to Stay its Order granting preliminary injunction and class certification pending appeal)
- *Saravia* (habeas case giving rise to *Saravia* hearings for former UACs re-apprehended by ICE and referred back to ORR for gang affiliation). On 4/30, the 9th Circuit issued Notice of Oral Argument (to occur on 7/13/18)
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion litigation based on Establishment Clause). On 4/20, the ACLU filed its Motion for Summary Judgment (motion hearing set for 8/9/18). On 4/24, the ACLU filed an Errata re its Motion for Summary Judgment.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates this week

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 13 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
    - 1 UAC was granted bond by the Arlington court

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- **To date there have been:**
  - 43 IJ decisions:
    - 29 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
  - 31 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
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UAC litigation.

- *FAIR v HHS* (FOIA action regarding request for data on DACA recipients and age breakdown of UACs). On 5/16, HHS filed its Answer to FAIR's Amended Complaint.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 5/14, Defendant Children's Village filed a Motion to Dismiss. On 5/15, the government Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 5/14, the Plaintiff-appellees filed a letter pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure (FRAP) 28j advising of additional authorities. On 5/15, the government Defendant-appellant filed its own letter pursuant to FRAP 28j.
- *ACLU v DHS* ("Nash" litigation) (FOIA action seeking release of records pertaining to JRP "footguides" program). On 5/10, the court granted the Government's motion for extension of time to file its Summary Judgment motion.

Refugee litigation.

- *Tennessee*. On 5/11, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals docketed Tennessee's appeal (Tennessee's opening brief is due 6/20; appellees' brief is due 7/20).
- *Oregon*. On 5/10, the District Court set the following schedule: Plaintiff's Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss due 5/21/18. Defendants' Reply due 6/8/18. Motion to dismiss will be taken under advisement on that date

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 10 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - No cases are currently scheduled. However, one case involves a minor who has a *Saravia* hearing dated 5/17/18. If the minor does not prevail, he will seek a *Flores* hearing.
- This past week:
    - ORR filed two No Concern letters, for cases in New York and San Antonio
- **To date there have been:**
    - 43 IJ decisions:

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    - 29 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
- 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
- 7 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
- 35 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
- 31 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., released per *Saravia* hearing; reunification with a sponsor; ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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UAC litigation.

- *FAIR v HHS* (FOIA action regarding request for data on DACA recipients and age breakdown of UACs). On 5/17, the judge ordered the parties to meet and confer and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings, by 6/7/18.
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 5/18, the district court issued a minute order finding as moot the 1/11/18 Motion for TRO as to Jane Moe; finding as moot the 11/6/17 Motion for Reconsiderations; and granting the plaintiff's 1/11/18 Motion for Leave to Proceed under a Pseudonym by Jane More.
- *Doe v SVJC* (class action against an ORR secure care provider facility). On 5/21, SVJC filed a Motion for Protective Order regarding the identities of UACs detained at the facility, and the court granted the Motion on the same day.
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion-access class action, based on Establishment Clause). On 5/18, the government filed a Stipulation with a Proposed Scheduling Order. On 5/21, the court granted the Stipulation (Government's Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment are due 5/31/18)

Refugee litigation.

- *Marouf* (same-sex couple suing for injunctive and declaratory relief after being denied foster application by a faith-based URM provider). On 5/21, the government filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction; USCCB also filed its own Motion for Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction
- *Oregon*. On 5/18, the plaintiffs filed a Supplemental Response to the government's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction and to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim. (Government's reply is due 6/8/18).

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 9 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in NY
- This past week:
    - 2 minors withdrew their bond hearing requests

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- 1 minor who requested a bond hearing was released based on a *Saravia* order

- **To date there have been:**
  - 50 IJ decisions:
    - 36 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 6 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final written orders
  - 37 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
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UAC litigation.

- *Ms. L* (family separation case). On 6/6, the court issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the government's 4/6/18 Motion to Dismiss (granting defendants' claims under the APA and the Asylum Statute, and denying defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff's due process claim). Court grants Plaintiffs leave to file a Second Amended Complaint curing pleading deficiencies set out above (deadline: 7/3/18).
- *LVM v Lloyd* (class action challenging ORR detention of UACs in New York who were, are, or will be in staff secure or secure custody). On 6/1, the Plaintiff filed a Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion to Certify Class; the government filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of its 5/15/18 Motion to Dismiss. On 5/31, Jeremy Kohomban (Children's Village) filed a Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its 5/14/18 Motion to Dismiss.
- *Garza* (abortion access).
    - On 6/4, SCOTUS vacated the Court of Appeals' ruling in Garza v. Hargan, 874 F.3d 735 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (en banc), as to an individual class member. The government filed a letter to the DC Court of Appeals arguing SCOTUS' ruling supports its argument that Doe is an inadequate class representative, and that the district court erred in granting class-wide injunctive relief.
    - On 6/4, the DC Court of Appeals issued a Per Curiam Order denying the government's petition to leave to file appeal under FRCP 23(f), granting in part and denying in part its motion to stay the case, and set a briefing schedule (government's brief is due 7/2/18; appellee's brief is due 7/30; government's Reply Brief is due 8/9/18).
- *ACLU v Azar* (abortion access, Establishment Clause). On 5/31, the government filed a Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's 4/20/18 Motion for Summary Judgment, and USCCB also filed a Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's 4/20/18 Motion for Summary Judgment. Replies are due by 7/30/18, and the motion hearing is set for 8/9/18.
- *Nash* (FOIA litigation related to "footguides" program). On 6/6, the court endorsed a 6/4 letter from the parties indicating the parties have reached an agreement to resolve outstanding FOIA requests, and requesting the court vacate the briefing schedule set

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forth 5/10/18 and give the parties until 8/3/18 to provide an update on what further proceedings, if any, are necessary.

Refugee litigation.

- *Marouf* (same sex couple denied foster parent status seeking injunctive, declaratory, and monetary relief). On 5/31, the parties filed and the Court granted a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to the government and USCCB's Motions to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction. (Plaintiff's Consolidated Opposition now due by 6/18/18, and Defendants' Replies are due by 7/9/18).

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 7 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
  - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
- This past week:
  - ORR submitted Letters of No Concern regarding three bond requests in New York, which resulted in the court granting bond in all three cases.
  - Three minors withdrew their bond hearing requests
- **To date there have been:**
  - 48 IJ decisions:
    - 34 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter, but because DHS has not filed the NTA no proceedings have opened yet
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I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- NEW CASE. *C.D.A. v. Sessions et al*, Request for Emergency TRO seeking release of a minor placed in ORR custody (at Heartland ICRC) after DHS separated him from his father.
- NEW CASE. *W.S.R. v. Sessions et al*, Request for Emergency TRO seeking release of a minor placed in ORR custody (at Heartland ICRC) after DHS separated him from his father (currently detained in TX). Plaintiff claims breach of Flores Agreement paragraphs 11, 12, 14, 24B, and 36.
- NEW CASE. *Mejia-Mejia v ICE et al* (*habeas* petition brought by a Guatemalan asylum applicant separated from her 7-year old son by DHS). The plaintiff filed the complaint and an Emergency Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (to order ORR release her son) on 6/19. On 6/20, the judge ordered a hearing on the Motion for TRO to occur on 6/21.
- *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 6/15, Plaintiffs filed a Reply in Support of their 4/16/18 MOTION to Enforce Class Action Settlement
- *Ms. L* (*habeas* petition by Congolese asylum applicant separated from her 7-year old daughter by ICE). On 6/20, the court ordered a Status Conference to be held on 6/22/18 in light of the Executive Order issued today, 6/20, entitled "Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation"
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 6/19, the plaintiffs filed a Stipulation regarding ORR care providers with religious objections to posting the class notice documents as ordered on 4/13/18).

Refugee litigation.

- *Tennessee*. On 6/14, Tennessee filed and the 6th Circuit granted a Consent Motion for a 12-day extension of time to file and serve briefs (Tennessee's Brief Appendix is due 7/2/18; Appellee's Brief Appendix is due 8/1/18).

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- *Marouf* (same sex couple seeking to foster a child in the URM program). On 6/18, the plaintiffs filed a Memorandum in Opposition re: government's and USCCB's 5/21/18 Motions to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 8 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
  - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
  - 1 case is pending scheduling in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
  - 1 hearing in NY was continued for 1 week
- **To date there have been:**
  - 49 IJ decisions:
    - 35 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final written orders
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Hello All,

A final update regarding the request reported in the related SIR Addendum:

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Minor was seen by legal service providers on Wednesday, May 09, 2018. Minor had not discussed or requested information or initiation of termination as of said date.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) escorted minor for chest x-ray on Wednesday, May 09, 2018, Labwork (ZIKA and Glucose Testing) today, May 10, 2018 and Follow up appointment has been scheduled on Friday, May 18, 2018.

As of today, Case Manager and Clinician reported that minor requested to speak to mother in COO during individual session to discuss her pregnancy and requested support from CM and Clinician to share the news with her sponsor in the U.S. Sponsor was supportive and discussed preparation for possible reunification. Minor appeared relieved and reported that she is no longer considering a termination of pregnancy. Documentation will be submitted. An SIR Addendum will follow for record in the UC Portal.

All services proceed as required while in care. We will keep you all informed in the event of any new developments. Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention!

Respectfully,

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Assistant Program Director

SWK Casa Franklin

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the responses in this case. We would like to provide a quick update:

After minor's visit with the OB/GYN today, it has been determined that the minor is 18 weeks pregnant. Upon return from the doctor's visit, she requested to speak to her mother (in COO) to advise her of the pregnancy.
Clinician and CM provided the call and support.

No conversation was initiated or continued from prior conversation regarding a termination at this time.

Minor processed concern for reunification with sponsor (b)(6) n the U.S.

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We will continue to update and provide additional information as it becomes available. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Thank you.

Sam or Jim, will one of you be elevating to Jallyn?

Kelly Rao (Aiello), LMSW, MPA

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Regional Executive Director

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On May 8, 2018, at 11:51 AM, Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>wrote:

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Good Morning,

I will need to direct you to Policy for further clarification on your questions below.

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Policy could hopefully provide some clarity on the remainder of the questions and (b)(5) [redacted]

Michael L. Bartholomew, M.D., FAAP

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I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor
was neither a victim of rape or incest, but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would
this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

Samuel Pedregon

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Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

In reference to the attached SIR addendum, minor is requesting to terminate her pregnancy. We would like to provide you with more details to this case and request any additional guidance.

Female minor (17 yrs old) arrived at the program on Thursday (b)(6) [redacted] 2018 and received initial medical physical exam on Friday, (b)(6) [redacted] 2018. She was advised of a positive urinalysis of the standard pregancy test administered upon entry. Minor disclosed a consensual sexual relationship with a 20 year old boyfriend in (b)(6) [redacted] a

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month ago. She requested information on a termination of pregnancy prior to a reunification with her family as they
are unaware. Minor has shared that she would rather not disclose unless she is unable to terminate before her reunification. She would be willing to do so herself if necessary.

Minor will be aging out on Monday, (b)(6) 2018. Sponsor is an (b)(6) in (b)(6) and has submitted all required documentation. She is scheduled for her FP appointment today.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) and Clinician, (b)(6) will be escorting minor to OB/GYN appointment tomorrow, (b)(6) 2018. Minor was provided with all pamphlets and
education material as mandated upon entry.

The Casa Franklin Team has staffed this case with our Executive Management Team and discussed any additional needs to the minor's service plan if needed. Minor is currently functioning at a
high level, received all program orientations and has integrated into the program. She has had contact with her mother in country of origin and sponsor in the U.S.

Please advise of any additional information required. Thank you in advance for your availability and guidance.

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Synopsis: Medical Coordinator followed up with minor regarding her scheduled OBGYN appointment. Pamphlets were being distributed to minor when she stated in Spanish " que pronto puedo terminar el embaraso y va afectar mi caso " translation " how fast can I get the abortion and will that affect my case' minor was told that she has an appointment scheduled with the gynecologist to see how far along she is in her pregnancy on (b)(6) [redacted] 2018.

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On: 07 May 2018 20:44, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

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Hi Jallyn

Fysa....guidance is being requested at different levels

Michael

From: "Pedregon, Samuel (ACF)" <Samuel.Pedregon@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528
Date: 07 May 2018 19:18
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I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor **was neither a victim of rape or incest,** but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

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Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

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In reference to the attached SIR addendum, minor is requesting to terminate her pregnancy. We would like to provide you with more details to this case and request any additional guidance.

Female minor (17 yrs old) arrived at the program on Thursday, (b)(6) 2018 and received initial medical physical exam on Friday (b)(6) 018. She was advised of a positive urinalysis of the standard pregancy test administered upon entry. Minor disclosed a consensual sexual relationship with a 20 year old boyfriend in (b)(6) a month ago. She requested information on a termination of pregnancy prior to a reunification with her family as they are unaware. Minor has shared that she would rather not disclose unless she is unable to terminate before her reunification. She would be willing to do so herself if necessary.

Minor will be aging out on Monday (b)(6) 2018. Sponsor is a (b)(6) (b)(6) and has submitted all required documentation. She is scheduled for her FP appointment today.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) and Clinician, (b)(6) will be escorting minor to OB/GYN appointment tomorrow, (b)(6) 2018. Minor was provided with all pamphlets and education material as mandated upon entry.

The Casa Franklin Team has staffed this case with our Executive Management Team and discussed any additional needs to the minor's service plan if needed. Minor is currently functioning at a high level, received all program orientations and has integrated into the program. She has had contact with her mother in country of origin and sponsor in the U.S.

Please advise of any additional information required. Thank you in advance for your availability and guidance.

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Subject: SIR Addendum Event 135528

Synopsis: Medical Coordinator followed up with minor regarding her scheduled OBGYN appointment. Pamphlets were being distributed to minor when she stated in Spanish " que pronto puedo terminar el embaraso y va afectar mi caso " translation " how fast can I get the abortion and will that affect my case' minor was told that she has an appointment scheduled with the gynecologist to see how far along she is in her pregnancy on (b)(6) 2018.

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Hi Britanny,

It has been proposed that we change the last page of the home study template (attached),

Section M: RECOMMENDATION FOR RELEASE to read Section M:

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Thank you,
Gail

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You're welcome Sir! Appreciate your candor and sensitivity to the urgency in cases such as these.

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Thank you for the update.

Much appreciated

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Hello All,

A final update regarding the request reported in the related SIR Addendum:

Minor was seen by legal service providers on Wednesday, May 09, 2018. Minor had not discussed or requested information or initiation of termination as of said date.

Lead Medical Coordinator (b)(6) escorted minor for chest x-ray on Wednesday, May 09, 2018, Labwork (ZIKA and Glucose Testing) today, May 10, 2018 and Follow up appointment has been
scheduled on Friday, May 18, 2018.

As of today, Case Manager and Clinician reported that minor requested to speak to mother in COO during individual session to discuss her pregnancy and requested support from CM and Clinician
to share the news with her sponsor in the U.S. Sponsor was supportive and discussed preparation for possible reunification. Minor appeared relieved and reported that she is no longer considering a termination of pregnancy. Documentation will be submitted. An
SIR Addendum will follow for record in the UC Portal.

All services proceed as required while in care. We will keep you all informed in the event of any new developments. Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention!

Respectfully,

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(b)(6) [redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 6:40 PM

To: Kelly Aiello; Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF)

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Estrada; Gonzalez, Jose (ACF); (b)(6)
Misegades, Lara (ACF)

Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the responses in this case. We would like to provide a quick update:

After minor's visit with the OB/GYN today, it has been determined that the minor is 18 weeks pregnant. Upon return from the doctor's visit, she requested to speak to her mother (in COO) to advise
her of the pregnancy. Clinician and CM provided the call and support.

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No conversation was initiated or continued from prior conversation regarding a termination at this time.

Minor processed concern for reunification with sponso (b)(6) in the U.S.

We will continue to update and provide additional information as it becomes available. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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From: Kelly Aiello

Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:51 PM

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Thank you.

Sam or Jim, will one of you be elevating to Jallyn?

Kelly Rao (Aiello), LMSW, MPA

Southwest Key Programs

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On May 8, 2018, at 11:51 AM, Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>wrote:

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Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Morning,

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Jose (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Just wanted to close the loop – (b)(5) our answer is correct.

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Good Morning,

I will need to direct you to Policy for further clarification on your questions below.

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Policy could hopefully provide some clarity on the remainder of the questions and (b)(5) [redacted]
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I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor **was neither a victim of rape or incest,** but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

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Respectfully,
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Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

In reference to the attached SIR addendum, minor is requesting to terminate her pregnancy. We would like to provide you with more details to this case and request any additional guidance.

Female minor (17 yrs old) arrived at the program on Thursday, (b)(6) 2018 and received initial medical physical exam on Friday, (b)(6) 2018. She was advised of a positive urinalysis of the standard pregancy test administered upon entry. Minor disclosed a consensual sexual relationship with a 20 year old boyfriend in (b)(6) a month ago. She requested information on a termination of pregnancy prior to a reunification with her family as they are unaware. Minor has shared that she would rather not disclose unless she is unable to terminate before her reunification. She would be willing to do so herself if necessary.

Minor will be aging out on Monday, (b)(6) 2018. Sponsor is an (b)(6) in (b)(6) (b)(6) and has submitted all required documentation. She is scheduled for her FP appointment today.

Lead Medical Coordinator (b)(6) and Clinician (b)(6) will be escorting minor to OB/GYN appointment tomorrow, (b)(6) 2018. Minor was provided with all pamphlets and education material as mandated upon entry.

The Casa Franklin Team has staffed this case with our Executive Management Team and discussed any additional needs to the minor's service plan if needed. Minor is currently functioning at a high level, received all program orientations and has integrated into the program. She has had contact with her mother in country of origin and sponsor in the U.S.

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Please advise of any additional information required. Thank you in advance for your availability and guidance.

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Subject: SIR Addendum Event 135528

Synopsis: Medical Coordinator followed up with minor regarding her scheduled OBGYN appointment. Pamphlets were being distributed to minor when she stated in Spanish " que pronto puedo terminar el embaraso y va afectar mi caso " translation " how fast can

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I get the abortion and will that affect my case' minor was told that she has an appointment scheduled with the gynecologist to see how far along she is in her pregnancy on (b)(6) 2018.

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Confirming Michael's note about what's in red.

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Good Evening et al.

I am not entirely clear on the restriction on travel directed by the local OBGYN provider, but DHUC would defer to the local provider to make that determination in this case. Additionally, for this case, the IME has identified a medical concern without a definitive diagnosis. Therefore, DHUC is unable to provide appropriate additional medical guidance/information to the UAC upon discharge. DHUC would recommend, in this case, that the UAC be re-evaluated by OBGYN on June 5th as previously scheduled.

If the child is pregnant, the child will need to be tested for Zika virus. Results for Zika virus and STD can be relayed post-reunification as long as contact information is obtained.

Regarding resources, programs should follow routine guidance on what is provided in the exit packet that is distributed to UAC upon discharge.

Regarding what is typed in RED…I would need to defer to legal guidance but my understanding is that (b)(5)

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Dr. Bartholomew and Anna Marie,

I don't think there is a problem with waiting to release the girl until after she has her OBG YN. Is there anything else in the message below that should be reason to delay her discharge?

There is a question about what recommendations can be made for her to follow up on her pregnancy should it be determined that she is in fact pregnant. Please see below in red and let us know your thought or if they should be deferred to Scott.

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Please let me know as soon as you can. Thank you!

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Hi Debra,

I agree that there are varying viewpoints on this case. In this case, the minors clinical disposition is unknown and therefore DHUC, ORR, the Program and the treating medical provider are unable to provide appropriate medical information or guidance. Regarding the testing, we can follow up with the program to ensure they are knowledgeable on the testing requirements etc next week.

Ultrasounds and labs aid the clinician during pregnancy evaluations, including providing information that might highlight risks to the fetus or mother. US can aid in Gestational Age determinations which would provide information to those individuals making travel restrictions. I suspect the US is to aid the OBGYN provider in determining viable pregnancy. If the OBGYN provider is not providing medical clearance at this time, than DHUC would defer to the local provider.

MIchael

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<James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: HVPD 0843 WSPD 0842 cases

Hello Dr. Bartholomew,

The TOP case at SWK Estrella has been determined with guidance from ORR leadership that it should be submitted for a release to her sponsor as everything for the reunification is ready and complete.

Now the program is making the statements below.

Is this really following our medical policies about release as they are stating the travel clearance issue, STD test results pending, and Zika virus that we wait for 2 weeks?

My concern is the wording for the program stating her being medically cleared to travel. (b)(5)
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Thank you for your guidance on the medical portion of this case.

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Good afternoon,

The program will follow up ORR P&P. In addition to this we wanted to inform that the minor is not medically clear in the sense that at her initial OB/GYN evaluation the medical provider could not yet confirm this is a viable pregnancy. The provider asked that the minor return on 6/5/18 for an additional ultrasound before she would clear her to travel. The results of her STD testing are also pending. The minor is also to be tested for the Zika virus but this is not done until she has been in the country for 2 weeks, which should also be on 6/5/18. In addition to this the minor does not want to disclose to mother/sponsor about her pregnancy. Could you confirm we should proceed with reunification efforts?

We also have a question, can we provide her with resources like medical clinics,OB/GYN, pregnancy termination clinics on her exit packet medical?

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Please let me know as soon as you can. Thank you!

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Subject: HVPD 0843 WSPD 0842 cases

Hello SWK Estrella,

Please adhere to ORR policies and procedures regarding the release of these two siblings to their sponsor. Attached is more detailed ORR guidance regarding these cases and their release.

Standard ORR password will be sent in a separate email.

Thank you,

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Yes, that is her.

Kate

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

I am not sure if I ever received the Name and DOB of this patient, but went thru the portal and found this UAC as a possibility.
Just confirming that this is the UAC who needs evaluation?

First Name: (b)(6) [redacted]
Last Name:
Date of Birth:
A No.:

Status: ADMI
AKA:
Gender: F

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

I advised the program yesterday to contact her office to schedule an appointment. I have not followed up yet.

Thank you
Natasha

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

Good evening –

I have tried calling the clinic each day this week without success.
Did the shelter manage to schedule an appointment?

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Thank you. I have informed the program.

Natasha

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

Good afternoon –

I tried calling the OB-GYN practice today on two different occasions to discuss the case without success. I will continue to try to reach (b)(6) and give her a head's up about this case, but I think the program should go ahead and schedule an appointment at (b)(6) to see (b)(6)

I will be in touch.

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

Good afternoon Kate/ Shaanan,

Thank you for reviewing this case and following up on my concerns. I will follow up with the program accordingly.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: FGM case at CCC

Natasha,

I reached out to (b)(6) office this AM to discuss the case with her but she is out of the office until Tues and will follow up with her at that time.

I hope everyone has a nice weekend.

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Subject: FW: FGM case at CCC

Hi Natasha,

After reading all the medical records in the portal and discussing her cognitive delay with Dr. Meyerstein, I believe that a pediatric ob-gyn is the best person to conduct a mostly non-invasive exam to confirm that the UAC has not been subjected to female genital cutting/mutilation. Dr. Meyerstein was researching whether SANE nurses are trained in FGM. He said SANE nurses are mostly used in ER settings and must meet with a victim within 72 hours of sexual assault to gather forensic evidence. Since this is not a sexual assault, but an attempt to prove that FGM has not occurred, he and I both agreed that a pediatric ob-gyn was the best choice.

(b)(5);(b)(6) [redacted]

Please let me know if you have any other questions. I can be reached on my cell at (b)(6) [redacted] today and tomorrow. Thanks for asking for my opinion in this case.

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Subject: FW: FGM

Kate,

I left a message for [redacted] and will try to get an email for her to write directly. Can you write up a blurb with some of your questions that you had for me?
It seems that she has some international experience i[redacted] and has an interest in Global Health so she could be a very useful resource.

https://bonsecoursmedicalgroup.com/doctor/[redacted]

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(b)(6)

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this afternoon regarding the case of (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) As I mentioned on the phone, the legal advocates believe that a Pediatric OB-GYN is the best person to conduct a mostly non-invasive exam to confirm that the UAC has not been subjected to female genital cutting/mutilation, especially since she has an underlying cognitive delay. I appreciate your willingness to evaluate this young lady if it will constitute a medical examination and documentation of the physical examination in the regular medical records, but also understand your hesitancy to be drawn into a larger legal battle if your involvement in this case will lead you to being subpoenaed in court and not having the ability to take time off from your busy clinical schedule. I have cc'd the legal advocates, Federal Field Specialists involved in this young lady's case for their input and better description of your role in this case.

If it seems like you would be able to evaluate this young lady going forward, we will have the shelter call the schedulers office at (b)(6) to set up an appointment.

Thank you again for your time and willingness to assist.

With regards,

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Please direct him to policy. Federal funding cannot be used unless under the Hyde amendment. We still have to follow the Garza ruling and not impede access.

On: 07 May 2018 20:44, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi Jallyn

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Fysa....guidance is being requested at different levels

Michael

From: "Pedregon, Samuel (ACF)" <Samuel.Pedregon@ACF.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

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I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor

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was neither a victim of rape or incest, but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

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To: Pedregon, Samuel (ACF); Gonzalez, Jose (ACF); De LA Cruz, James (ACF)

Cc: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); ORR DHUC; Kelly Aiello; (b)(6) UM EMT (UM Executive Management Team); (b)(6) (b)(6)

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Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Assistant Program Director

SWK Casa Franklin

(b)(6) cell

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Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

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Priority:	Urgent
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Jallyn,

Below is a well written synopsis for this TOP request.

The program is inquiring on any further guidance.

PW: (b)(5) [redacted]

Michael

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Thanks (b)(6) ..job well done to you and those staff involved in this delicate matter.

On: 10 May 2018 17:37, (b)(6) @swkey.org>wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. De La Cruz,

In reference to the previous update, we would like to provide an additional update and receive confirmation of email and verbal correspondence.

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Mr. Pedregon and I spoke on Tuesday, May 08, 2018 and I was informed that due to reference of policy in previous emails, ORR does not fund procedures under these circumstances as verified by the responses previously
mentioned by ORR representatives. Mr. Pedregon provided the name of a national online resource (jane due process). I provided the most recent update and submitted via email. Mr. Pedregon asked if legal service provider (DMRS) was contacted. I informed Mr.
Pedregon that minor arrived on Thursday (b)(6) 18 and was scheduled to meet with legal provider on Wednesday, 05.09.18.

During staffing on Wednesday 05.09.18, all parties discussed case and time frame for outcome of reunification especially since minor will age out on (b)(6) 2018. Case Manager confirmed that sponsor has a fingerprint appointment on Tuesday, May 15, 2018
and legal service providers would meet with minor as scheduled.

We had not received any notice from legal service provider and minor had not discussed or requested information or initiation of termination as of yesterday, May 09, 2018.

We were pending information from Legal, Case Management, Clinician and ultimately minor for any further developments.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) escorted her for chest x-ray on Wednesday, May 09, 2018, Labwork (ZIKA and Glucose Testing) today, May 10, 2018 and Follow up appointment on Friday, May 18, 2018.

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As of today, Case Manager and Clinician reported that minor requested to speak to mother during individual session to discuss her pregnancy and requested support from CM and Clinician to share the news with her sponsor. Sponsor was supportive and discussed preparation for possible reunification. Minor is no longer consider a termination.

All services proceed as required while in care. Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention!

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Priority:	Normal
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I am not unclear about how to proceed, only that the HS worker should document the information gathered. The father's situation has changed many times over the past months as our goal was to have father withdraw as sponsor, which he agreed to at one point and then changed his mind, hence necessitating a home study. The home study worker should write up what transpired and be allowed to make a recommendation based on the information gathered.

Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Staples, Heidi (ACF); Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF)
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Fields, Marivic (Maria) (ACF); Theiler, Patricia (ACF)
Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

Dear Heidi,

It is my understanding that the sponsor no longer resides at the home where the HS worker was going to conduct a HS. If this is the case, the program needs to re assess the father's situation. They need to start all over asking the father about living conditions and who is living with him. Since the father situation changed, the HS worker cannot conduct a home study until new sponsor assessment is provided. If the father is not able to meet reunification requirements he can be consider as a no viable sponsor and HS is not required.
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Can you please setup a staffing with the program the CC and I to further discuss this case. I will make myself available at any time today

Thanks Ivonne

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:18 PM
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The program therefore will be providing third hand information as the HS worker is being directed to not document this information.

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Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

The CM can enter all of this information in the portal for future records. I also recommend for the program to flag the sponsor and to enter this valuable information.

Thanks Ivonne
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From: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Staples, Heidi (ACF)
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF); Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF)
Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

Hi Heidi,

I just spoke with Jim about this case because after discussing it with Gail we both agreed that the provider should not conduct a home visit due to the father not being a viable sponsor at the moment. Unfortunately, the home study providers do not write up a report unless they go out to visit the home so a home study report cannot be completed for this case. Jim agreed that emails from the Home Study provider regarding the sponsors current living arrangements and the calls to the shelter where the father was inebriated are evidence that at this time the father is not a viable sponsor. I double checked with the home study provider and they stated they have sent the Case Manager all the new information regarding the sponsor's current living arrangements.

Due to these issues, at this time, we cannot expend home study resources on this case. Please move forward with cancelling this case. Jim stated he would be happy to speak with you more if you have questions.

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Thanks,

Rachel Jacobs Gainor, LGSW

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From: Staples, Heidi (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:15 PM
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Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

NO we do not want to cancel a home study but rather have them write it up with a negative home study recommendation.

This is a parent and his situation just changed.

Thank you.

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Hi Heidi,

Heartland called me about the following case to discuss their concerns about this case and whether a home study should be conducted. Since this father is currently not a viable sponsor, I told Heartland I would contact you to request to cancel the home study. As we discussed in the training last week and it is also stated in the new procedures that came out yesterday, only viable sponsors should have home studies conducted. As it is stated below, if the sponsor's situation changes and he can show that he is a viable sponsor, then a home study can be requested.

Please see the procedure below regarding the viable sponsor: p33 of Section 2: Safe & Timely Release from ORR Care.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF) <Rachel.Jacobs@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @rescue.org>
Subject: Home Study Placement Issue

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I'm not sure. I'll forward you what they sent me. Feel free to reach out to the program as well and ask for them to send you what they have. The CM should be creating notes for all of this in the portal.

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF) <Rachel.Jacobs@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Velazquez, Ivonne (ACF) <Ivonne.Velazquez@ACF.hhs.gov>; De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

The program will then be reporting third hand information. Again, as long as it doesn't hurt the outcome of the denial, but
I do not agree this is optimal way to do it. Was I cc'd on the emails?

Thank you.

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To: Staples, Heidi (ACF)
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Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

Hi Heidi,

I just spoke with Jim about this case because after discussing it with Gail we both agreed that the provider should not conduct a home visit due to the father not being a viable sponsor at the moment. Unfortunately, the home study providers do not write up a report unless they go out to visit the home so a home study report cannot be completed for this case. Jim agreed that emails from the Home Study provider regarding the sponsors current living arrangements and the calls to the shelter where the father was inebriated are evidence that at this time the father is not a viable sponsor. I double checked with the home study provider and they stated they have sent the Case Manager all the new information regarding the sponsor's current living arrangements.

Due to these issues, at this time, we cannot expend home study resources on this case. Please move forward with cancelling this case. Jim stated he would be happy to speak with you more if you have questions.

Thanks,

Rachel Jacobs Gainor, LGSW

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NO we do not want to cancel a home study but rather have them write it up with a negative home study recommendation.

This is a parent and his situation just changed.

Thank you.

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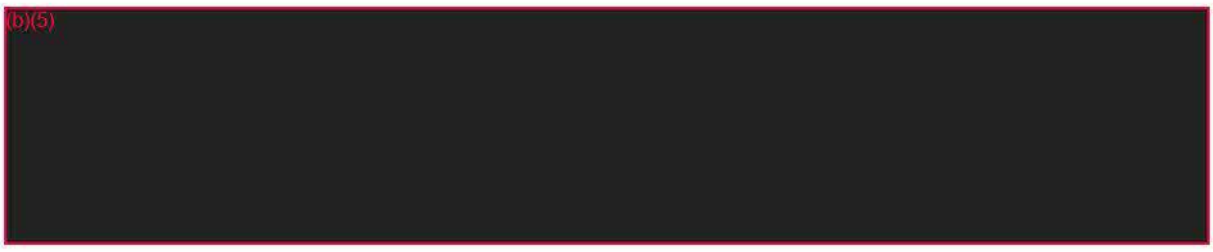
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Hi Heidi,

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I just spoke with Jim about this case because after discussing it with Gail we both agreed that the provider should not conduct a home visit due to the father not being a viable sponsor at the moment. Unfortunately, the home study providers do not write up a report unless they go out to visit the home so a home study report cannot be completed for this case. Jim agreed that emails from the Home Study provider regarding the sponsors current living arrangements and the calls to the shelter where the father was inebriated are evidence that at this time the father is not a viable sponsor. I double checked with the home study provider and they stated they have sent the Case Manager all the new information regarding the sponsor's current living arrangements.

Due to these issues, at this time, we cannot expend home study resources on this case. Please move forward with cancelling this case. Jim stated he would be happy to speak with you more if you have questions.

Thanks,

Rachel Jacobs Gainor, LGSW

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From: Staples, Heidi (ACF)

Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:15 PM

To: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF) <Rachel.Jacobs@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Home Study Placement Issue

NO we do not want to cancel a home study but rather have them write it up with a negative home study recommendation.

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This is a parent and his situation just changed.

Thank you.

Heidi J. Staples, MSW

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"Vision is seeing the opportunity within the challenge."

From: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF)

Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:40 PM

To: Staples, Heidi (ACF)

Subject: FW: Home Study Placement Issue

Hi Heidi,

Heartland called me about the following case to discuss their concerns about this case and whether a home study should be conducted. Since this father is currently not a viable sponsor, I told Heartland I would contact you to request to cancel the home study.
As we discussed in the training last week and it is also stated in the new procedures that came out yesterday, only viable sponsors should have home studies conducted. As it is stated below, if the sponsor's situation changes and he can show that he is a viable sponsor, then a home study can be requested.

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Please see the procedure below regarding the viable sponsor: p33 of Section 2: Safe &Timely Release from ORR Care.

"1. The case manager continuously consults with the case coordinator using information collected during the UAC's initial assessment and throughout his/her stay in conjunction with the sponsor assessment process to determine if a home study of the potential sponsor is required. Home studies are only requested for potentially viable sponsors."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: Jacqueline Fitzpatrick [mailto:JFitzpatrick@heartlandalliance.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:24 PM

To: Jacobs Gainor, Rachel (ACF) <Rachel.Jacobs@acf.hhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) [redacted]@rescue.org>

Subject: Home Study Placement Issue

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Hi Rachel,

Heartland is currently working on a home study for minor: (b)(6) (b)(6) The proposed sponsor is the biological father of the minor, however we do have concerns about the safety of this sponsorship. The father does have a substance abuse
problem, unstable housing, no job, and the sponsor has not identified a backup caregiver on the sponsorship application. The father reported that he has not has a drink in a month, however he called the shelter inebriated and the family whom he is currently living with have reported that he is currently drinking. The sponsor's housing situation is also a major concern. He did not report to the shelter that he had moved and the HS worker found out the day of the scheduled visit. He is currently living with
a family who took him in after finding him living on the street. None of the household members have been fingerprinted. As of now we feel that we cannot do a proper home study assessment until the father addresses his substance abuse issues, demonstrate he has stable housing and all household members fingerprint.

I am including (b)(6) in this email as she is the Regional Coordinator for this case. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Thank you!

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Subject:	FW: Termination of Pregnancy
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Priority:	Normal
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HI Jallyn,

I wanted to give you an update on this case:

As you recall:

UAC is a (b)(6) who was admitted to Homestead and screened positive for pregnancy. While at Homestead, the minor denied sexually activity. She was transferred to (b)(6) she was reported to be ~12 weeks gestation and had an OB/GYN visit on 7/10. She has requested a termination of pregnancy.

Per CC (b)(6) *Following the Garza informational meeting this morning with the pregnant minors in care, one of the minors* (b)(6) *has expressed that, after evaluating the options presented to her, she wishes to terminate her pregnancy as soon as possible. The Minor's family is in full support of the minor's decision and they would like for the minor to terminate her pregnancy prior to reunification with the sponsor. At this moment, the sponsor has not provided any reunification documents due to fear of providing IDs and fingerprints; he is willing to help but he is consulting with his lawyer prior to submitting documentation to the CM. Seeing as this case is already behind, we are requesting the minor be transferred to another facility so she is able to receive the care that she is requesting as reunification with the sponsor has not yet begun. Please advise and assist. Thank you.*

The minor was transfer and is currently at (b)(6). In the SIR, the pregnancy is a result of consensual sexual relations with her 16 yo boyfriend in COO. From the SIR, she has reviewed her options and confirmed her request for termination. The minor has talked with the ACLU attorney and the child has been offered spiritual services. The attorney has expedited an appointment with Planned Parenthood. An appointment is pending per DHUC knowledge. The program asked if an SMR is needed because of procedural sedation and as we discussed an SMR is not warranted. The program will continue to work towards reunification with the child's (b)(6)

Please let me know if you need anything further.

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Michael

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Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of Pregnancy

Hi Jallyn,

The UAC recently arrived to the program and the process has yet to begin. Other documentation indicates that the potential sponsor is conferring with his own legal counsel and does not want to submit requested items for sponsorship consideration at this time.

Michael

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Subject: Re: Termination of Pregnancy

What's the status of reunification?

On: 18 July 2018 06:57, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi Jallyn,

I am bringing this to your attention for guidance.

Advise is being sought by the FFS and the program on how to proceed.

v/r

Michael

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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>; De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Volovar, Jill (ACF) <Jill.Volovar@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: Termination of Pregnancy
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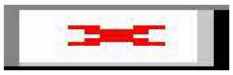
Checking to see if there if any specific updated guidance I need to follow for a terminations of pregnancy.

- I have outdated memo but I will tailor and submit; if there's an updated one please let me know.
- SIR was completed in relations to minor pregnancy and wishes to terminate.
- Minor is 12 weeks pregnant and (b)(6) has a max of 24 weeks for terminations
- (b)(6) state does not require that women (underage or not) receive counseling before an abortion
- Minors do not need parental consent
- There isn't a notification or residency requirement prior to terminating pregnancy.
- Abortions are paid by (b)(6) state, regardless if the pregnancy is result of consensual sex or rape.

Please advise.

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Jim,

I am not sure what the current guidance is to the program in this case.

Do you know what guidance to issue to the program?

They are needing a response.

Michael

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Thanks, Mita.

Is there anything I need to do on my end?

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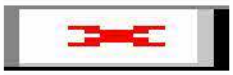
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Thank you, Mita.

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Cc: Stephen Matos; Buckley, Kirsten (ACF); Kiett, Dana (ACF); Valdez, Elcy (ACF); Pragman, Maria (ACF) (CTR)
Subject: RE: Terminating pregnancy

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Cc: (b)(6) @risingground.org>; Buckley, Kirsten (ACF) <Kirsten.Buckley@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Terminating pregnancy

Hello Stephen,

I am adding DCSMedical to this message.

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Best,
Mita

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Subject: Terminating pregnancy

Good morning Kirsten and Mita,

I am e-mailing you in reference to a minor who was transferred to us yesterday from catholic charities due to minor wanting an abortion and they don't offer those services for her over there. She was counseled over there and that's the minors decision. She is 12 wks and wanted to know if minors still will be able to go to plan parenthood for this as we did in the past with a Dr. referral? I am not sure if things changed for process with minors wanting to terminate pregnancy so I just wanted to be sure. Please advise... Thank you.

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Good morning, Jallyn –

DHUC is elevating the below notification.

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Thank you, Lara

From: Ventura, Magdalia (ACF)
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 8:25 AM
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Subject: : Pregnancy / (b)(6) A#XXX-XX (b)(6)

Good Morning (b)(6)

I am adding the medical team and Jim to this email for their guidance on how we need to proceed.

Maggie Ventura, BSW, LSW

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Good evening Maggie,

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Kind regards,

(b)(6)

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Type:	Note

Hi Jallyn,

It appears this minor has not requested services.

Michael

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Hello All,

A final update regarding the request reported in the related SIR Addendum:

Minor was seen by legal service providers on Wednesday, May 09, 2018. Minor had not discussed or requested information or initiation of termination as of said date.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) escorted minor for chest x-ray on Wednesday, (b)(6) 2018, Labwork (ZIKA and Glucose Testing) today, (b)(6) 2018 and Follow up appointment has been scheduled on Friday, (b)(6) 2018.

As of today, Case Manager and Clinician reported that minor requested to speak to mother in COO during individual session to discuss her pregnancy and requested support from CM and Clinician to share the news with her sponsor in the U.S. Sponsor was supportive and discussed preparation for possible reunification. Minor appeared relieved and reported that she is no longer considering a termination of pregnancy. Documentation will be submitted. An SIR Addendum will follow for record in the UC Portal.

All services proceed as required while in care. We will keep you all informed in the event of any new developments. Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention!

Respectfully,
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Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the responses in this case. We would like to provide a quick update:

After minor's visit with the OB/GYN today, it has been determined that the minor is 18 weeks pregnant. Upon return from the doctor's visit, she requested to speak to her mother (in COO) to advise her of the pregnancy. Clinician and CM provided the call and support.

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No conversation was initiated or continued from prior conversation regarding a termination at this time.

Minor processed concern for reunification with sponsor (aunt) in the U.S.

We will continue to update and provide additional information as it becomes available. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Thank you.

Sam or Jim, will one of you be elevating to Jallyn?

Kelly Rao (Aiello), LMSW, MPA
Southwest Key Programs
Regional Executive Director

Cell: [redacted]

On May 8, 2018, at 11:51 AM, Bena, Anna Marie (HHS/OGC) (ACF) <Annamarie.Bena@HHS.GOV>wrote:

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Good Morning,

I will need to direct you to Policy for further clarification on your questions below.

(b)(5) [redacted]

Policy could hopefully provide some clarity on the remainder of the questions and (b)(5) [redacted]

Michael L. Bartholomew, M.D., FAAP

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Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor **was neither a victim of rape or incest,** but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

Samuel Pedregon

FFS-West Texas Region

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Subject: Re: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

In reference to the attached SIR addendum, minor is requesting to terminate her pregnancy. We would like to provide you with more details to this case and request any additional guidance.

Female minor (17 yrs old) arrived at the program on Thursday, (b)(6) 2018 and received initial medical physical exam on Friday, (b)(6) 2018. She was advised of a positive urinalysis of the standard pregancy test administered upon entry. Minor disclosed a consensual sexual relationship with a 20 year old boyfriend in (b)(6) a month ago. She requested information on a termination of pregnancy prior to a reunification with her family as they are unaware. Minor has shared that she would rather not disclose unless she is unable to terminate before her reunification. She would be willing to do so herself if necessary.

Minor will be aging out on Monday, (b)(6) 2018. Sponsor is an (b)(6) in (b)(6) and has submitted all required documentation. She is scheduled for her FP appointment today.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) and Clinician, (b)(6) will be escorting minor to OB/GYN appointment tomorrow, (b)(6) 2018. Minor was provided with all pamphlets and education material as mandated upon entry.

The Casa Franklin Team has staffed this case with our Executive Management Team and discussed any additional needs to the minor's service plan if needed. Minor is currently functioning at a high level, received all program orientations and has integrated into the program. She has had contact with her mother in country of origin and sponsor in the U.S.

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Please direct him to policy. Federal funding cannot be used unless under the Hyde amendment. We still have to follow the Garza ruling and not impede access.

On: 07 May 2018 20:44, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi Jallyn

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Fysa....guidance is being requested at different levels

Michael

From: "Pedregon, Samuel (ACF)" <Samuel.Pedregon@ACF.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Southwest Key Programs Casa Franklin El Paso SIR Addendum Event 135528

Date: 07 May 2018 19:18

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I am requesting clarification regarding the below request to terminate pregnancy being that the minor

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was neither a victim of rape or incest, but rather had **consensual sex with her boyfriend** which resulted in her pregnancy. Would ORR funds cover this type of request? Has there been updates to policy/process when situations as such arise? Would this type of request need to be reviewed by legal for guidance? Please advise.

Samuel Pedregon

FFS-West Texas Region

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Respectfully,

(b)(6) [redacted]

Assistant Program Director

SWK Casa Franklin

(b)(6) [redacted] cell

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Good Afternoon Mr. Pedregon and DCS Team,

In reference to the attached SIR addendum, minor is requesting to terminate her pregnancy. We would like to provide you with more details to this case and request any additional guidance.

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Female minor (17 yrs old) arrived at the program on Thursday, (b)(6) 2018 and received initial medical physical exam on Friday (b)(6) 2018. She was advised of a positive urinalysis of the
standard pregancy test administered upon entry. Minor disclosed a consensual sexual relationship with a 20 year old boyfriend in (b)(6) a month ago. She requested information on a termination of pregnancy prior to a reunification with her family as they
are unaware. Minor has shared that she would rather not disclose unless she is unable to terminate before her reunification. She would be willing to do so herself if necessary.

Minor will be aging out on Monday, (b)(6) 2018. Sponsor is an (b)(6) n Newark, New Jersey and has submitted all required documentation. She is scheduled for her FP appointment today.

Lead Medical Coordinator, (b)(6) and Clinician, (b)(6) will be escorting minor to OB/GYN appointment tomorrow, (b)(6) 2018. Minor was provided with all pamphlets and education
material as mandated upon entry.

The Casa Franklin Team has staffed this case with our Executive Management Team and discussed any additional needs to the minor's service plan if needed. Minor is currently functioning at a high
level, received all program orientations and has integrated into the program. She has had contact with her mother in country of origin and sponsor in the U.S.

Please advise of any additional information required. Thank you in advance for your availability and guidance.

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Going thru the inbox, you are all aware.

Please disregard the notice.

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HI Jallyn and Jim,

I want to bring this to your attention.

17 yo female (b)(6) admitted to Southwest Keys Montezuma on (b)(6) 2018 was determined to be pregnant after she was complaining of abdominal pain and revealing her concerns of pregnancy. Her pregnancy screen during her IME was negative. However, during her recent evaluation she was screened positive.

She was evaluated on (b)(6) and the UAC had a serum HCG drawn. The results were reported positive on (b)(6) to the program. Minor revealed consensual sexual relations with a 22 yo male in COO. Minor expressed interest in abortion and wanted more information. The minor was referred to OBGYN on (b)(6)

The attached SIR indicates the OBGYN evaluation estimated via US that the gestational age is 14 weeks 5 days. (currently 15 weeks).

The Minor has also met with legal services about her request for abortion (attached SIR).

The FFS will likely be reaching out for further guidance.

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From: Patel, Ms. Mita (ACF) (CTR)
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 9:06 PM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: ORR DHUC <DCSMedical@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>; Meyerstein, Shaanan (ACF) <Shaanan.Meyerstein@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: SIR indicating TOP Request -- FW: Report of Significant Incident Addendum Event ID 141945 (email 1 of 2)
Importance: High

Hello Michael,

I received this SIR of a minor requesting abortion. I meant to send it yesterday, but must not have hit send.

The line list is up-to-date. I am guessing the minor is ~6 weeks pregnant based on the last menstrual period listed in the IME (b)(6) 018).

Mita

From: (b)(6) [mailto (b)(6) @swkey.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:15 AM
To: Patel, Ms. Mita (ACF) (CTR) <Mita.Patel@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Curry, Thomas (ACF) <Thomas.Curry@ACF.hhs.gov> (b)(6) <(b)(6) @swkey.org>; (b)(6) @swkey.org>; (b)(6) <(b)(6) @swkey.org>

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Subject: [WARNING : MESSAGE ENCRYPTED] Fw: Report of Significant Incident Addendum Event ID 141945 (email 1 of 2)

Good morning,

Please see attached SIR.

Minor HCG blood test results were confirmed positive on (b)(6) 2018. Minor at this time is requesting to have an abortion.

I staffed this case with Dr. Curry, FFS for Casa Montezuma and he advised us to ensure that our assigned ORR Medical Coordinator was aware.

Please let us know if you have any further guidance at this time.

Thank you!

Lizzette Grimaldo, MA, LPC, LCCA

Program Director

Southwest Key Programs

Casa Montezuma

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Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 4:16 PM

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Cc: [redacted]
Medical
Subject: Report of Significant Incident Addendum Event ID 141945 (email 1 of 2)

Event # 141945

UC: [redacted]

SIR Synopsis: Minor HCG blood test results were confirmed positive on [redacted] 2018. Minor at this time is requesting to have an abortion.

Medical Addendum:

Minor had a doctor's visit today [redacted] 2018 @1:30pm with OB/GYN [redacted] for a pregnancy ultrasound and according to the doctor diagnosis; the minor is currently 14 weeks and 5 days pregnant her due date is [redacted] 2018. The minor had several labs performed and everything came back normal she is to follow up in 4 weeks [redacted] 2018 @9:00 am with [redacted]

Clinical Addendum:

Clinician accompanied the minor for a medical follow-up in regards to her pregnancy. Medical staff indicated that the minor is approximately 14 weeks pregnant. [redacted] recommends that minor be taken to a Pregnancy Crisis Center in order to determine what options may be available to her. MH-Update: Clinician provided supportive listening as the minor processed the news related to her pregnancy. She currently denies experiencing SI/HI or self-harming ideation, following the news. Minor disclosed that, if possible she would like to research the option of abortion as her primary choice since she does not feel ready to have a child. Clinician recommended that minor reach out to her if needed. Clinician reviewed the minor's choice during the session. She was informed that her personal safety would be taken into consideration in order to determine if the termination of pregnancy I a viable option. Minor appeared to have understood the information. She remains receptive to discussing options as needed to maintain her well-being.

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(b)(6) [redacted]

Medical Coordinator

Casa Montezuma (b)(6) [redacted]

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Subject:	RE: Termination of Pregnancy
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Minor also had an initial OBGYN appointment while at Boystown, with pregnancy confirmed by ultrasound. See attached earlier notification.

From: Valdez, Elcy (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF) <Jallyn.Sualog@ACF.hhs.gov>; Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of Pregnancy

The pregnancy has been confirmed. Minor had a urine pregnancy test and a HCG blood test both positive on (b)(6) 2018 while at (b)(6) Shelter and the results were positive. UC was provided with support and information regarding options and UC stated she wishes to terminate this pregnancy. UC rejects adoption as an option. SIR email attached.

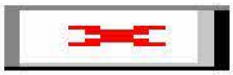
I will provide the below guidance to the program

- To mediate, with help of clinician, a discussion between the UAC and her parents.
- Options counseling
- Spiritual counseling

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From: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF); Valdez, Elcy (ACF)
Subject: FW: Termination of Pregnancy

Due outs for field and DHUC below.

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From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF) <Jallyn.Sualog@ACF.hhs.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Matthew (HHS/OGC) <Matthew.Bowman@hhs.gov>; Wagner, Steven (ACF) <Steven.Wagner@acf.hhs.gov>; Wynne, Maggie (HHS/IOS) <Margaret.Wynne@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of Pregnancy

Jallyn,

If you could send the age plus either the A# or the SIR, that would be helpful.

It's not clear from below if the pregnancy's been confirmed—that's I think the first step.

The program should offer the following:

- To mediate, with help of clinician, a discussion between the UAC and her parents.
- Options counseling

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- Spiritual counseling

Once we know her responses to the offers above we'll know our next steps.

Thank you,
Scott

From: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 9:38 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Termination of Pregnancy

Scott,
Please see below. There is a UAC in NY 12 weeks pregnant requesting a termination. The reunification process is not far along.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF) <Jallyn.Sualog@ACF.hhs.gov>
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Termination of Pregnancy

Hi Jallyn,

The UAC recently arrived to the program and the process has yet to begin. Other documentation indicates that the potential sponsor is conferring with his own legal counsel and does not want to submit requested items for sponsorship consideration at this time.

Michael

Michael L. Bartholomew, M.D., FAAP

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From: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 7:02 AM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Termination of Pregnancy

What's the status of reunification?

On: 18 July 2018 06:57, "Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)" <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi Jallyn,

I am bringing this to your attention for guidance.

Advise is being sought by the FFS and the program on how to proceed.

v/r

Michael

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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>; De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Volovar, Jill (ACF) <Jill.Volovar@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: Termination of Pregnancy
Importance: High

All,

Checking to see if there if any specific updated guidance I need to follow for a terminations of pregnancy.

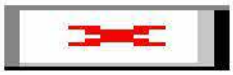
- I have outdated memo but I will tailor and submit; if there's an updated one please let me know.
- SIR was completed in relations to minor pregnancy and wishes to terminate.
- Minor is (b)(6) weeks pregnant and NY state has a max of 24 weeks for terminations
- NY state does not require that women (underage or not) receive counseling before an abortion
- Minors do not need parental consent
- There isn't a notification or residency requirement prior to terminating pregnancy.
- Abortions are paid by NY state, regardless if the pregnancy is result of consensual sex or rape.

Please advise.

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Priority:	Urgent
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Good morning, Jallyn –

DHUC is elevating the below notification.

UAC is a 15 yo (b)(6) who was admitted to Homestead and screened positive for pregnancy. While at Homestead, the minor denied sexually activity. She was transferred to and is currently placed at (b)(6) She is reported to be ~12 weeks gestation and had an OB/GYN visit on (b)(6) She has requested a termination of pregnancy; more details are provided by the case manager below.

Thank you, Lara

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Subject: : Pregnancy / [redacted]

Good Morning [redacted]

I am adding the medical team and Jim to this email for their guidance on how we need to proceed.

Maggie Ventura, BSW, LSW

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Good evening Maggie,

Following the Garza informational meeting this morning with the pregnant minors in care, one of the minors (b)(6) has expressed that, after evaluating the options presented to her, she wishes to terminate her pregnancy as soon as possible. The Minor's family is in full support of the minor's decision and they would like for the minor to terminate her pregnancy prior to reunification with the sponsor. At this moment, the sponsor has not provided any reunification documents due to fear of providing IDs and fingerprints; he is willing to help but he is consulting with his lawyer prior to submitting documentation to the CM. Seeing as this case is already behind, we are requesting the minor be transferred to another facility so she is able to receive the care that she is requesting as reunification with the sponsor has not yet begun. Please advise and assist. Thank you.

Kind regards,

(b)(6)

Lead Case Manager

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Subject:	FW: CAIR letter
Date:	2018/05/09 08:43:42
Priority:	Normal
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This is the letter Reina sent out. I thought she had sent it to you. I cut and pasted my comments again for your review.

This is a problem that isn't going away in some states where it is almost impossible to get SIJ status (NY, VA MD, WA).

I note that paragraph marked 1) contains statement that needs further explanation. "It may take the sending legal services providers multiple weeks to get back to us with the information we request, thus further delaying the ability to respond to BCC regarding legal viability of the case." VERA has an internal system for transfer of information between legal service providers. It is unacceptable that it will take multiple week to receive this information.

It will be helpful to revisit this issue since YFT in VA and Commonwealth Catholic Charities in VA also face this same problem, and are served by CAIR Coalition as well. I am available to discuss at your convenience.

Kate

From: Byrd, Reina M. (ACF)
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 4:48 PM
To: Biswas, Toby R M (ACF) <Toby.Biswas@ACF.hhs.gov>; Sinkins, Katherine (ACF) <Katherine.Sinkins@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Viola, Sarah (ACF) <Sarah.Viola@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: CAIR letter

Good Afternoon All,

Board of Child Care LTFC has had little to no placements since the program opened in June 2017. The reasons for the denials were primarily based on the legal relief options in Maryland. Per my supervisor's instruction, I asked the program to ask CAIR to document their issues on letterhead for follow-up. Attached is the letter the program received from CAIR regarding the limitations with LTFC placements in Maryland.

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Please advise on next steps.

Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Byrd, Reina M. (ACF) <Reina.Byrd@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Mansilla, Jessie (ACF) <Jessie.Mansilla@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: CAIR letter

Good afternoon Reina. Per our previous conversation, attached is a letter from CAIR with their explanation of their challenges regarding what cases they can accept.

I welcome further discussion on this topic so that we can accept more youth into LTFC.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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Subject:	RE: CAIR letter
Date:	2018/05/08 23:26:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hey Kate,
Do I have this letter? Did you mean to attach?

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From: Sinkins, Katherine (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Sualog, Jallyn (ACF) <Jallyn.Sualog@ACF.hhs.gov>
Subject: CAIR letter

Hi Jallyn,

This is a problem that isn't going away in some states where it is almost impossible to get SIJ status (NY, VA MD, WA).

I note that paragraph marked 1) contains statement that needs further explanation. "It may take the sending legal services providers multiple weeks to get back to us with the information we request, thus further delaying the ability to respond to BCC regarding legal viability of the case." VERA has an internal system for transfer of information between legal service providers. It is unacceptable that it will take multiple week to receive this information.

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It will be helpful to revisit this issue since YFT in VA and Commonwealth Catholic Charities in VA also face this same problem, and are served by CAIR Coalition as well. I am available to discuss at your convenience.

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*Please note I telework on Thursdays and Fridays

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Subject:	Re: (b)(6) -Time Line- Complex Case
Date:	2018/07/20 08:29:39
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Hello and good morning. Please ensure UAC is taken to her appointment.

On: 20 July 2018 07:22, "Hector Zuniga" <HZuniga@swkey.org>wrote:

Good Morning,

Have we received authorization from ORR to proceed with taking youth to her appointment today at 1230pm?

Hector Zuniga, LCCA

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Regional Executive Director

South Texas Region

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From: (b)(6) [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:36 PM

To: Dino.Federico@acf.hhs.gov

Cc: Gonzalez, Jose (ACF); Hector Zuniga

Subject: Fw: (b)(6) [redacted] -Time Line- Complex Case

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Good Evening Mr. Federico,

Sir, I wanted to follow up with the request for the care provider facilitating youth's second medical appointment to Whole Woman's Health and directives from ORR.

Thank you

(b)(6)

Program Director

Southwest Key

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 3:22 PM

To: Gonzalez, Jose (ACF); Dino.Federico@acf.hhs.gov

Cc: anna.lopez@acf.hhs.gov; Yanez-Cavazos, Nora (ACF); Hector Zuniga; Sandy Perez; Pablo Covarrubias

Subject: Fw: (b)(6) -Time Line- Complex Case

Good Afternoon Mr. Federico

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As per our conversation, we have provided a time line of what has transpired since the youth's arrival at the program.

(b)(6) 2018: Minor arrived to the program.

(b)(6) 2018: Physical exam, received IME with a positive urine HCG with a LMP on (b)(6) 2018, received prenatal vitamins.

(b)(6) 2018:

Consulted with OB, gestational age was (b)(6) weeks 5 days, EDD (b)(6) 2019.

(b)(6) 2018: Minor received her Know Your Rights Presentation and first legal screening by Probar.

7/7/2018: Probar Attorney Karla Garcia requested a meeting on behalf attorney Rochelle Garza for 7/9/2018.

(b)(6) 2018 OB consult reported normal FHR and fetal movement, gestational age is (b)(6) weeks.

7/9/2018: Program follow up with minor and expressed she did not want to meet with the attorney. Program informed Probar representatives that minor

did not wish to speak nor meet with attorney Garza. Probar requested to meet with minor that same day after letting them know that minor did not want to meet with the attorney.

7/10/2018: Probar Attorney Marcos Farias contacted FFS and submitted a referral authorization signed by minor. Probar representative Erica Jones

requested a meeting on behalf of attorney Rochelle Garza to meet with minor on 7/11/2018.

7/11/2018: Minor met with attorney.

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7/12/2018: Attorney Garza provided a G28 and requested for the program to take minor to Cameron County Courthouse on 7//13

7/13/2018: Minor attended court hearing at Cameron County Courthouse. No documentation was provided to care provider

7/17/2018: Attorney Rochelle Garza requested to meet with minor on 7/19/2018; and advised that minor had two appointments 7/19/2018 and 7/20/2018

schedule at (b)(6) No documentation has been provided to the care provider

7/19/2018: Minor met with attorney before her appointment. Minor was taken to her appointment at (b)(6) by her CL and YCW. Assistant

lead clinician that procedure will be taking place tomorrov (b)(6) @12:30am and minor should dress comfortable with a sweater. No documentation was provided to care provider. An Sir addendum will be submitted to capture chain of events.

Operation is seeking guidance and directives from ORR on how to proceed with this matter of youth's medical appointment on Frida (b)(6)

Texas at (b)(6) regarding a termination of pregnancy.

Thank You

(b)(6)

Program Director

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Subject:	FW: Pregnancy Termination of Minor
Date:	2018/06/21 15:03:07
Priority:	Urgent
Type:	Note

Hi Jallyn,

This notification has likely crossed your desk. However, I did not see your email address in the string.

UAC is a 16 yo (b)(6) who was admitted to Homestead and screened positive for pregnancy. She informed Homestead staff that the pregnancy was a result of repeated sexual assault by unknown masked male. She was transferred to and currently placed at (b)(6) She has been reported to be (b)(6) weeks gestation. She is scheduled for follow up with the OB in the next few days and to evaluate concerns of uterine bleeding. She has requested a termination of pregnancy however, she prefers to have this service done after reunification.

Michael

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From: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 1:09 PM
To: ORR DHUC <DCSMedical@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Boswell, Nichole (ACF) <Nichole.Boswell@acf.hhs.gov>; Volovar, Jill (ACF) <Jill.Volovar@ACF.hhs.gov>; De LA Cruz, James (ACF) <James.DeLACruz@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Pregnancy Termination of Minor

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Good afternoon,

There is a minor at (b)(6) who is (b) weeks, 3 days pregnant. She is requesting to terminate her pregnancy; however, she has requested to do so after reunification with her sponsor (b)(6) Please advise if you require further information at this time. The minor is following up with the OB in the next couple of days because she had some uterine bleeding, and a previously-suspected ectopic pregnancy; however, that was not confirmed. Sponsor (b)(6) lives in (b)(6) and intends to bring the minor to (b)(6) Center for follow-up after reunification.

FFS Nichole Boswell will now be covering this program, so I'm copying her for follow-up.

(b)(6)

Thank you,
Amanda

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Amanda Miller, MPH, LMSW
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Division of Unaccompanied Children Operations
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Phone: (b)(6)

From: De LA Cruz, James (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Volovar, Jill (ACF)
Cc: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF)
Subject: Re: Pregnancy of Minor

Hi at this time please forward the message to ORR medical. They need visibility of the medical piece.

Jsd

On: 21 June 2018 10:06, "Volovar, Jill (ACF)" <Jill.Volovar@ACF.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hello Jim,
Please review and let us know if anything else has to happen.
Thank you

From: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:31 PM
To: Volovar, Jill (ACF)
Cc: David, Natasha (ACF); Boswell, Nichole (ACF)
Subject: RE: Pregnancy of Minor

Hi Jill,

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There was a family session completed today, where there was confirmation that the minor does not wish to seek pregnancy termination services while in ORR care. She does wish to seek these services after reunification with her sponsor (b)(6) The minor is (b)(weeks, 2d pregnant. The minor's (b)(6) offered her support to the minor with whatever decision she makes regarding her pregnancy, and the program is putting together a discharge plan which will include an appointment with (b)(6) Center after reunification.to

Program is requesting to expedite fingerprints to allow minor to be reunified quickly, should she decide to terminate her pregnancy (b)(6) weeks gestation.

Please advise.

Thank you,
Amanda

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From: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Volovar, Jill (ACF)
Cc: David, Natasha (ACF)
Subject: FW: Pregnancy of Minor
Importance: High

Jill, I'm elevating this case because this minor has requested pregnancy termination. However, she is also requesting to wait until she is reunified with her sponsor in order to do so, and the facility is requesting expedited fingerprint results. Sponsor is (b)(6)

(b)(6) , has

Thanks,
Amanda

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From: [redacted] LMFT [mailto:[redacted]@yftva.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF); David, Natasha (ACF); Almira, Ariadne; Courtney Gaskins; Terry R.Tinsley, PhD; Samantha Mancini; Kaitlyn Barbour; Duncan Jones; Schreuder, Rebecca; Veronica Myers; Bennett, Mark (ACF) (CTR)
Cc: Natalia Becker; Andrea Fontana; Volovar, Jill (ACF); Arely Crespin; Nancy House; Adlin de Cardi, LMFT
Subject: RE: Pregnancy of Minor
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I met with minor this morning and she shared that she has not changed her mind as far as terminating her pregnancy, however, she wants to wait ~3 weeks until she is reunified with her sponso[redacted] in [redacted] to complete this procedure. She stated she was in the ER for close to 5 hours last night and she felt alone. She stated she does not want to terminate her pregnancy away from her family if she is transferred to another facility.

After staffing this case with my supervisor [redacted] LPC, we are requesting if this case could be elevated for the fingerprints already done by sponsor, [redacted] on Friday [redacted]-18. If elevated/expedited, she may have a chance for release before she reaches week [redacted] of her pregnancy so that she can be with her [redacted] for this procedure.

Minor shared that while at the clinic prior to going to the ER, they had discussed options of adoption as well as abortion and minor stated it would be too difficult for her to carry the baby to term for someone else and also wondered if she changed her mind at the last minute, how that would fare for the adoptive couple. She stated her only options were to keep the baby or abort and she still wishes to abort. Her sponso[redacted] is aware, however we are also having a family session tomorrow [redacted]/18 @ 2pm to review what has recently occurred with minor's clinic and hospital visits. Our nursing staff is also working on obtaining an appointment with OBGYN sometime this week as the ER recommended this.

Minor remains depressed and anxious about this pregnancy and feels unable to care for this baby herself. She shared that her trauma has been very difficult to manage and she wants to terminate her pregnancy when she is reunified with her [redacted] Minor continues to deny any thoughts of self-harm or to her unborn child and she is using coping skills to regulate her emotions. Her affect remains flat with depressed mood. We discussed continued therapy once reunified with her [redacted] and she is aware that ending her pregnancy is not going to erase the trauma she experienced.

Thank you for your consideration in elevating/expediting this case for obtaining fingerprint results.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

[redacted]
UIM Therapist
Youth For Tomorrow
[redacted] office

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Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 9:35 PM
To: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF) <Amanda.Miller@acf.hhs.gov>; David, Natasha (ACF) <Natasha.David@acf.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) @GDIT.com>; (b)(6) (b)(6) @yftva.com> (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) @GDIT.com>; (b)(6) @yftva.com>
Cc: (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) @yftva.com>; Volovar, Jill (ACF) <Jill.Volovar@ACF.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) @yftva.com>; (b)(6) <(b)(6) @yftva.com>
Subject: Re: Pregnancy of Minor

Good evening,

I just received word from residential staff that minor *does not* have an ectopic pregnancy. They found a little bleeding in the uterus that needs to be followed up with OBGYN, but other than that, all is well. She was also prescribed anti-nausea meds.

She currently has an appointment with OBGYN on (b)(6) but we will look into getting an earlier date in the morning. I will also follow up with minor in the morning and then staff this case with (b)(6) to discuss next steps.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for this minor.

Have a blessed day ☺

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13)
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From: Miller, Amanda J. (ACF) <Amanda.Miller@acf.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 2:49 PM
To: (b)(6) David, Natasha (ACF); (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Volovar, Jill (ACF)
Subject: RE: Pregnancy of Minor

Thank you for this information. Please let me know the results of today's appointment.

Thanks,
Amanda

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From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@yftva.com]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 1:12 PM
To: David, Natasha (ACF); Miller, Amanda J. (ACF); (b)(6)
Cc: Natalia Becker; (b)(6)
Subject: [WARNING : MESSAGE ENCRYPTED] Pregnancy of Minor
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

One of my girls has requested to terminate her pregnancy after being raped over a several month period in home country and learning of her pregnancy in the US. We have followed the procedure of referring minor to an approved provider by The Department of Health and Human Services for when a UAC requests information on pregnancy termination.

Minor has an appointment today @3:30pm, location: (b)(6)
She will have a confidential session with bilingual staff to discuss her options and the procedures involved. Once this session is completed and if minor continues to request to terminate her pregnancy, we will then inform you of our request to transfer minor to a facility that can ensure this procedure is completed.

Please note that the attached document is password protected.

Thank you.

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(b)(6) [redacted] office

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Subject:	ORR Litigation Update
Date:	2018/04/12 16:04:25
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation. (Updates since 3/29/18)

- *NEW LITIGATION: Escobar v Lloyd.* On 4/9, a minor who prevailed in his Flores bond hearing in March (but has not yet been released), filed a habeas petition.
- *NEW LITIGATION: FAIR v HHS.* On 4/6, the Federation for American Immigration Reform filed a FOIA action against HHS, seeking enforcement of Feb. 8, 2018 request for: communications between ORR Deputy Director and USCCB, data on DACA arrivals, and data depicting age breakdown of UAC arrivals.
- In *Ms. L* (family separations by DHS), on 4/6, the government filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction, and a Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim.
- In *LVM* (case seeking to certify class of secure and staff secure placements in NY), there was a status conference on 3/29, where the court ordered depositions for the ORR Director and an ORR staff member based in New York. On 4/10, LVM filed a Joint Letter requesting modification of the Discovery and Briefing Schedule.
- In *Alvarado* (Federal Tort Claims suit against DHS briefly naming ORR), on 3/29, the court reset various deadlines and hearing dates.
- In *Garza* (abortion), on 3/30, the District Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class. On 4/9, the government filed a Notice of Appeal to the DC Appeals Court.
- In *Doe v SVJC* (suit alleging bad conditions at a care provider), on 4/4, plaintiffs filed a Reply to SVJC's Response to plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- In *Saravia* (habeas case giving rise to *Saravia* hearings for certain minors re-apprehended by DHS on gang allegations), on 4/6, the government filed its Reply Brief to plaintiffs' Answering Brief, on the question: Did the district court err in concluding that the government's arrest and subsequent custody of A.H. violated A.H.'s procedural due process rights?
- In "Nash" (FOIA action seeking release of records related to the Juvenile Referral Program), on 4/5, the court issued a new Scheduling Order.

Refugee litigation.

- 2 active cases; no updates since 3/29/18

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***Flores* bond hearings**.

- There are currently 19 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Houston, TX
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Arlington, VA
  - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
  - 3 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
  - 2 hearings are scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
  - 1 minor withdrew his previous request for a hearing
- **To date there have been:**
  - 38 IJ decisions:
    - 25 agreeing with ORR
    - 13 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final court orders
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I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- *NEW*. *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 4/16, *Flores* class plaintiffs filed an enforcement action in the Central District of California seeking court-ordered procedural remedies, requiring ORR to: (1) enable UACs to contest transfers from shelters to more restrictive placements; (2) obtain parental consent or its lawful equivalent before administering psychotropic drugs to any UAC; and (3) more promptly release non-dangerous UACs to available custodians, or else submit doubts about custodians' fitness for neutral and detached review.
- *Maldonado et al v Lloyd* (habeas case). On 4/12, the government filed its response to plaintiffs' Petition. The Plaintiffs filed their reply on 4/16. On 4/18, the court heard oral arguments.
- In *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY), on 4/12, the Court endorsed the parties' joint 4/10 Letter modifying the schedule for Discovery and Briefing. Deposition due by 4/17/18. Motions due by 4/27/18. Responses due by 5/21/18. Replies due by 5/29/18.
- In *Garza* (abortion access), on 4/13, the District Court granted Plaintiffs' 4/10 Motion for Notice to Class, requiring the government to: post notices in all facilities informing pregnant UACs they may seek abortions and informing them of their coverage under this litigation; orally inform pregnant UACs of their rights during Know Your Rights presentations; and provide a POC if they encounter any issues. On 4/16, the District Court modified its 3/30 Class Certification to allow ORR or its shelters to reveal a pregnancy or abortion decision if the class member provided non-coerced consent to the disclosure or needs emergency medical care and is incapacitated such that she is unable to inform a medical care provider herself. On 4/12, the government filed for Permission to Appeal the District Court's Class Certification in the Court of Appeals for DC.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates

***Flores* bond hearings**.

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- There are currently 18 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Houston, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in Arlington, VA
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
    - 3 minors withdrew their requests for hearings
    - 1 individual who previously requested a hearing was released per an age redetermination
- **To date there have been:**
    - 38 IJ decisions:
        - 25 agreeing with ORR
        - 13 overruling ORR
    - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
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From: "Ray, Faith (ACF)" <Faith.Ray@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: ORR's TA FOA

Date: 25 April 2018 11:41

To: "Rubenstein, Carl (ACF)" <carl.rubenstein@acf.hhs.gov>

Cc: "Edwards, Lauren (ACF)" <Lauren.Edwards@acf.hhs.gov>

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Hi Carl,

(b)(5) [redacted]

Best,

Faith

From: Walters, Michele (ACF)

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:44 AM

To: Ray, Faith (ACF) <Faith.Ray@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: ORR's TA FOA

Morning Faith,

Thanks! I hope you're doing good as well☺ I have yet to hear anything on the RTAP FOA (b)(5) [redacted]
(b)(5) [redacted]
(b)(5) [redacted] I'll keep you posted on what I find out. Hopefully it will move soon!

Best,

Michele

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From: Ray, Faith (ACF)

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:29 AM

To: Walters, Michele (ACF) <michele.walters@acf.hhs.gov>

Subject: ORR's TA FOA

Hi Michele,

I hope you are well and having a good week. I wanted to check in to see if there has been any movement, to your knowledge, on the TA FOA. (b)(5)
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Thanks for any update you might have!

Best,

Faith

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Date:	2018/04/27 08:23:53
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Type:	Note

I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 4/20, the Court reset the hearing date and briefing schedule (hearing date reset from 5/18/18 to 6/29/18; defendants' opposition to be filed by 5/25/18; Plaintiffs' reply to be filed by 6/15/18)
- *Maldonado et al v Lloyd* (habeas case by mother of a UAC who prevailed in his *Flores* bond hearing). On 4/18, the court heard oral arguments, and the plaintiff filed a Letter on the question of ORR's positive suitability assessment of the minor's sponsor 14 months previously, for the minor's sister. On 4/19, the government filed its letter regarding the previous positive suitability assessment. On 4/20, the government filed a Letter attaching the 4/19/18 BIA decision denying reconsideration of its emergency discretionary stay of the Immigration Court's grant of *Flores* bond ((“Accordingly, the dangerousness determination in E.H.E.'s case therefore is not yet final and will be made in the context of the BIA proceedings”).
- *Ms. L.* (habeas petition regarding family separations by DHS). On 4/20, the defendants filed its responses to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Motion to Dismiss, and Motion to Certify Class.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 4/24, the Plaintiffs filed a letter motion for extension of time.
- *Garza* (abortion access). On 4/19, the Plaintiffs/Appellees filed their Opposition to the government appellant's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal.
- *Doe v SVJC* (class action against an ORR care provider). On 4/20, Plaintiffs filed (and the Court granted) a Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Motion for Class Certification (due 5/4/18).
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion litigation based on Establishment Clause). On 4/20, the ACLU filed its Motion for Summary Judgment (motion hearing set for 8/9/18). On 4/24, the ACLU filed an Errata re its Motion for Summary Judgment.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates

***Flores* bond hearings**.

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    - 1 hearings is scheduled in Arlington, VA
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in Harlingen, TX
    - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
    - 1 UAC was denied bond by the Houston court
    - 2 UACs were granted bond by the Philadelphia court, pursuant to Letters signed by the ORR Director of non-dangerousness.
    - 1 UAC withdrew his request for a hearing
- **To date there have been:**
    - 41 IJ decisions:
        - 28 agreeing with ORR
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    - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
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FYI, SOT TA FOA s(b)(5) (b)(5) This seems like an unnecessary waste of time!

From: Kelly, Tim (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Kim, Curi (ACF) <Curi.Kim@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Language

FYI, see below.

Peter had a meeting with Mary Powers in IOAS. They are still waiting to see if IOAS wants to (b)(5)

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From: Walters, Michele (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Kelly, Tim (ACF)
Subject: Language

Hi Tim,

I talked with Peter and there's no update. Sorry. I'll keep you posted as I learn anything new.

Best,

Michele

Michele Walters

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Thanks, Curi. We just reminded Steve of the pending FOAs (SOT direct service, refugee TA and some UACs) and the impact on the timeframe DGP gave us. We'll keep raising these.
Lauren

From: Kim, Curi (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>; Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>; Edwards, Lauren (ACF) <Lauren.Edwards@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: SOT FOA updates

Hi, Scott and Ken,
After my update this morning, we got notice that IOAS finally concurred with the SOT TA FOA after DGP heard back from OGC about what language to use for abortion restriction; we will include that language in the FOA (b)(5) [redacted]
(b)(5) [redacted]

(b)(5) [redacted]

Thanks,
Curi

Curi Kim, MD, MPH

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Curi learned later this morning that OGC, DGP and IOAS have all agreed on language for the SOT TA FOA, so maybe they'll be able to move all of ours forward now.

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Subject: RE: FOA language

Our FOAs have been kicked back for the same issue

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Subject: FOA language

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Can you please send me the anti-abortion language in the UAC FOAs, so we can see if it's what we need for the refugee FOAs?

Thanks,
Lauren

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I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- *Ms. L.* (habeas petition regarding family separations by DHS). On 4/27, the government filed Replies to the Plaintiffs' Motion to dismiss, Motion to Certify Class, and Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 4/30, the Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Preliminary Injunction, attaching a memorandum of law and various declarations in support. The government's response is due by 5/14.
- *Garza* (abortion access). On 4/26, in the 9th Circuit, the government filed its Reply to plaintiffs' Response in Opposition to the government's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal. (The District court on 4/25 denied the government's Motion to Stay its Order granting preliminary injunction and class certification pending appeal)
- *Saravia* (habeas case giving rise to *Saravia* hearings for former UACs re-apprehended by ICE and referred back to ORR for gang affiliation). On 4/30, the 9th Circuit issued Notice of Oral Argument (to occur on 7/13/18)
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion litigation based on Establishment Clause). On 4/20, the ACLU filed its Motion for Summary Judgment (motion hearing set for 8/9/18). On 4/24, the ACLU filed an Errata re its Motion for Summary Judgment.

Refugee litigation.

- No updates this week

UAC Bond Hearings.

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Thanks for the update, Tim and Faith. We'll raise these issues with Steve again today.
Lauren

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Scott and Ken,
Please see the emails below from Faith and Tim regarding the status of the refugee FOAs (refugee TA, SOT TA, SOT direct service). The refugee TA is still in the initial review phase with Steve, whereas the SOTs have gone back to IOAS for final review. All are time-sensitive though, and staff are anxious about the timeframe for getting these published. Would be good to remind Steve again this afternoon in our weekly meeting.
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Thanks for the update, Mary. That's great news!

Do you have an update on the refugee and SOT FOAs?

Lauren

On: 10 May 2018 15:10, "Powers, Mary (ACF)" <Mary.Powers@acf.hhs.gov>wrote:

Hi FOA team,

The ORR UAC standing FOAs are approved. The abortion language has been approved (b)(5) and if the other changes have been made they are good to go.

Thanks,

Mary

Mary Powers

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Type:	Note

I have attached the weekly litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- *FAIR v HHS* (FOIA action regarding request for data on DACA recipients and age breakdown of UACs). On 5/16, HHS filed its Answer to FAIR's Amended Complaint.
- *LVM* (class action challenging detention of secure and staff secure placements in NY). On 5/14, Defendant Children's Village filed a Motion to Dismiss. On 5/15, the government Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 5/14, the Plaintiff-appellees filed a letter pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure (FRAP) 28j advising of additional authorities. On 5/15, the government Defendant-appellant filed its own letter pursuant to FRAP 28j.
- *ACLU v DHS* ("Nash" litigation) (FOIA action seeking release of records pertaining to JRP "footguides" program). On 5/10, the court granted the Government's motion for extension of time to file its Summary Judgment motion.

Refugee litigation.

- *Tennessee*. On 5/11, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals docketed Tennessee's appeal (Tennessee's opening brief is due 6/20; appellees' brief is due 7/20).
- *Oregon*. On 5/10, the District Court set the following schedule: Plaintiff's Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss due 5/21/18. Defendants' Reply due 6/8/18. Motion to dismiss will be taken under advisement on that date

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 10 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - No cases are currently scheduled. However, one case involves a minor who has a *Saravia* hearing dated 5/17/18. If the minor does not prevail, he will seek a *Flores* hearing.
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Subject:	ORR Litigation Update
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UAC litigation.

- *FAIR v HHS* (FOIA action regarding request for data on DACA recipients and age breakdown of UACs). On 5/17, the judge ordered the parties to meet and confer and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings, by 6/7/18.
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 5/18, the district court issued a minute order finding as moot the 1/11/18 Motion for TRO as to Jane Moe; finding as moot the 11/6/17 Motion for Reconsiderations; and granting the plaintiff's 1/11/18 Motion for Leave to Proceed under a Pseudonym by Jane More.
- *Doe v SVJC* (class action against an ORR secure care provider facility). On 5/21, SVJC filed a Motion for Protective Order regarding the identities of UACs detained at the facility, and the court granted the Motion on the same day.
- *ACLU v Price* (abortion-access class action, based on Establishment Clause). On 5/18, the government filed a Stipulation with a Proposed Scheduling Order. On 5/21, the court granted the Stipulation (Government's Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment are due 5/31/18)

Refugee litigation.

- *Marouf* (same-sex couple suing for injunctive and declaratory relief after being denied foster application by a faith-based URM provider). On 5/21, the government filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction; USCCB also filed its own Motion for Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction
- *Oregon*. On 5/18, the plaintiffs filed a Supplemental Response to the government's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction and to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim. (Government's reply is due 6/8/18).

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 9 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
    - 1 hearing is scheduled in NY
- This past week:
    - 2 minors withdrew their bond hearing requests

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Priority:	Normal
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UAC litigation.

- *Ms. L* (family separation case). On 6/6, the court issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the government's 4/6/18 Motion to Dismiss (granting defendants' claims under the APA and the Asylum Statute, and denying defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff's due process claim). Court grants Plaintiffs leave to file a Second Amended Complaint curing pleading deficiencies set out above (deadline: 7/3/18).
- *LVM v Lloyd* (class action challenging ORR detention of UACs in New York who were, are, or will be in staff secure or secure custody). On 6/1, the Plaintiff filed a Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion to Certify Class; the government filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of its 5/15/18 Motion to Dismiss. On 5/31, Jeremy Kohomban (Children's Village) filed a Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its 5/14/18 Motion to Dismiss.
- *Garza* (abortion access).
    - On 6/4, SCOTUS vacated the Court of Appeals' ruling in Garza v. Hargan, 874 F.3d 735 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (en banc), as to an individual class member. The government filed a letter to the DC Court of Appeals arguing SCOTUS' ruling supports its argument that Doe is an inadequate class representative, and that the district court erred in granting class-wide injunctive relief.
    - On 6/4, the DC Court of Appeals issued a Per Curiam Order denying the government's petition to leave to file appeal under FRCP 23(f), granting in part and denying in part its motion to stay the case, and set a briefing schedule (government's brief is due 7/2/18; appellee's brief is due 7/30; government's Reply Brief is due 8/9/18).
- *ACLU v Azar* (abortion access, Establishment Clause). On 5/31, the government filed a Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's 4/20/18 Motion for Summary Judgment, and USCCB also filed a Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Plaintiff's 4/20/18 Motion for Summary Judgment. Replies are due by 7/30/18, and the motion hearing is set for 8/9/18.
- *Nash* (FOIA litigation related to "footguides" program). On 6/6, the court endorsed a 6/4 letter from the parties indicating the parties have reached an agreement to resolve outstanding FOIA requests, and requesting the court vacate the briefing schedule set

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forth 5/10/18 and give the parties until 8/3/18 to provide an update on what further proceedings, if any, are necessary.

Refugee litigation.

- *Marouf* (same sex couple denied foster parent status seeking injunctive, declaratory, and monetary relief). On 5/31, the parties filed and the Court granted a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to the government and USCCB's Motions to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction. (Plaintiff's Consolidated Opposition now due by 6/18/18, and Defendants' Replies are due by 7/9/18).

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  - 41 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
  - 33 UACs who requested bond hearings but no longer require them because they are no longer in ORR custody (e.g., released per *Saravia* hearing; reunification with a sponsor; ordered removed, aged out, etc.).

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Priority:	Normal
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I have attached this week's litigation tracker.

UAC litigation.

- NEW CASE. *C.D.A. v. Sessions et al*, Request for Emergency TRO seeking release of a minor placed in ORR custody (at Heartland ICRC) after DHS separated him from his father.
- NEW CASE. *W.S.R. v. Sessions et al*, Request for Emergency TRO seeking release of a minor placed in ORR custody (at Heartland ICRC) after DHS separated him from his father (currently detained in TX). Plaintiff claims breach of Flores Agreement paragraphs 11, 12, 14, 24B, and 36.
- NEW CASE. *Mejia-Mejia v ICE et al* (*habeas* petition brought by a Guatemalan asylum applicant separated from her 7-year old son by DHS). The plaintiff filed the complaint and an Emergency Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (to order ORR release her son) on 6/19. On 6/20, the judge ordered a hearing on the Motion for TRO to occur on 6/21.
- *Flores* Enforcement Action. On 6/15, Plaintiffs filed a Reply in Support of their 4/16/18 MOTION to Enforce Class Action Settlement
- *Ms. L* (*habeas* petition by Congolese asylum applicant separated from her 7-year old daughter by ICE). On 6/20, the court ordered a Status Conference to be held on 6/22/18 in light of the Executive Order issued today, 6/20, entitled "Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation"
- *Garza* (abortion access litigation). On 6/19, the plaintiffs filed a Stipulation regarding ORR care providers with religious objections to posting the class notice documents as ordered on 4/13/18).

Refugee litigation.

- *Tennessee*. On 6/14, Tennessee filed and the 6th Circuit granted a Consent Motion for a 12-day extension of time to file and serve briefs (Tennessee's Brief Appendix is due 7/2/18; Appellee's Brief Appendix is due 8/1/18).

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- *Marouf* (same sex couple seeking to foster a child in the URM program). On 6/18, the plaintiffs filed a Memorandum in Opposition re: government's and USCCB's 5/21/18 Motions to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction

UAC Bond Hearings.

- There are currently 8 outstanding *Flores* hearing requests. Of these:
  - 2 hearings are scheduled in New York, NY
  - 1 case is pending scheduling in San Francisco, CA
- This past week:
  - 1 hearing in NY was continued for 1 week
- **To date there have been:**
  - 49 IJ decisions:
    - 35 agreeing with ORR
    - 14 overruling ORR
  - 1 case in which ORR submitted a No Concern letter and the judge declined to issue an order (the minor was subsequently reunified with a sponsor)
  - 4 cases for which ORR filed Letters of No Concern, but is awaiting final written orders
  - 44 UACs who requested bond hearings but subsequently withdrew their requests; 8 UACs who have affirmatively declined *Flores* hearings
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Subject:	FW: Pregnancy Notification
Date:	2018/07/18 11:48:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

From: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 10:56 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: White, Laura (ACF) <Laura.White@acf.hhs.gov>; White, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/OPP) <Jonathan.White@hhs.gov>; Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: Pregnancy Notification

Mr. Lloyd,

My apologies for the delay in this routine notification.

A 16 yo UAC admitted to the SKW (b)(6) was determined during an initial medical evaluation to be pregnant. The program reported to the DHUC team via SIR consistent with procedure.

The UAC reports that the pregnancy is the result of consensual sexual relations. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time.

The SWK medical personnel recommendation is for the UAC to attend her scheduled OB/GYN appointment (b)(6) 2017) and start prenatal care.

The SIR does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

I would anticipate that we would direct the provider to:

(b)(5)

Please advise of any additional requirements or steps to be taken at this time.

Michael L. Bartholomew, M.D., FAAP

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Subject:	FW: Report of Significant Incident Event 97150
Date:	2018/07/18 12:05:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

From: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>; White, Laura (ACF) <Laura.White@acf.hhs.gov>; White, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/OPP) <Jonathan.White@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Report of Significant Incident Event 97150

Mr. Lloyd,

My apologies for the delay in this routine notification.

A 16 yo UAC admitted to the SKW (b)(6) shelter in (b)(6) CA, was determined during an initial medical evaluation to be pregnant. The program reported to the DHUC team via SIR consistent with procedure.

The UAC reports that the pregnancy is the result of consensual sexual relations. The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time.

The SWK medical personnel recommendation is for the UAC to attend her scheduled OB/GYN appointment (b)(6) 2017) and start prenatal care.

The SIR does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

I would anticipate that we would direct the provider to:

(b)(5)

Please advise of any additional requirements or steps to be taken at this time.

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From: (b)(6) [mailto (b)(6) @swkey.org]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Staples, Heidi (ACF); Renteria, Liliana; Toscano, Patricia (ACF) (CTR); ACF SIRHOTLINE (ACF); ORR DHUC
Cc: (b)(6) ; UM San Diego Clinicians Distribution List; UM San Diego Case Management
Subject: Report of Significant Incident Event 97150

Minor was taken for Initial medical exam, consensual pregnancy was confirmed.

Thank you,

Vernice Alfaro
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Date:	2018/07/18 12:12:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF) <Michael.Bartholomew@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: White, Laura (ACF) <Laura.White@acf.hhs.gov>; White, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/OPP) <Jonathan.White@hhs.gov>; Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>; Misegades, Lara (ACF) <Lara.Misegades@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Report of Significant Incidence Event # 97428

Michael—

This sounds good. Thank you for the update.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Scott

From: Bartholomew, Michael (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Cc: Gregg, Laura (ACF); White, Jonathan (ACF); Tota, Kenneth (ACF); Misegades, Lara (ACF)
Subject: FW: Report of Significant Incidence Event # 97428

PASSWORD (b)(5) [redacted]

Mr. Lloyd,

A 17 yo UAC admitted to the SWK (b)(6) [redacted] shelter in (b)(6) [redacted] TX , was determined to be pregnant via serology (HCG positive). Child reported consensual sexual relations prior to journey and her overall concerns of pregnancy to staff. The UAC pregnancy screening during the initial medical exam was negative. The program reported to the DHUC team via SIR consistent with procedure.

The UAC made no statement or allegation of sexual abuse or assault. There is no medical concern related to this pregnancy identified at this time.

The SWK medical personnel referred the UAC to OB/GYN services and started prenatal care.

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The SIR does not indicate any request related to information regarding pregnancy termination.

I would anticipate that we would direct the provider to:

(b)(5) [redacted]

Please advise of any additional requirements or steps to be taken at this time.

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From: (b)(6) [redacted] [mailto:(b)(6) [redacted]@swkey.org]
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Barrera, Servando (ACF); Shireena, Tanzeena (ACF); Bloomfield, Joanna (ACF) (CTR); Becerra, Manuel (ACF) (CTR); (b)(6) [redacted]@gdit.com; (b)(6) [redacted]@GDIT.com; (b)(6) [redacted]@GDIT.com; (b)(6) [redacted]@GDIT.com; (b)(6) [redacted] ACF SIRHOTLINE (ACF); SIR Reports; (b)(6) [redacted] ORR DHUC; UMP Medical
Cc: (b)(6) [redacted] Medical
Subject: Report of Significant Incidence Event # 97428

SIR (b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(6) [redacted] A#:XXX-XXX (b)(6) [redacted]

Youth had positive HCG results on (b)(6) [redacted]/17, as a result of a consensual sexual relationship in home country.

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Reported by: [redacted] Medical Coordinator

[redacted]
Medical Coordinator
SWK [redacted]
[redacted] Tx [redacted]
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Subject:	FW: UACs
Date:	2018/07/18 12:21:00
Priority:	Normal
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From: White, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/OPP)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>; Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: UACs

I will find out status and respond today.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:30 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF); Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: UACs

Jonathan,

Are the first two UAC abortion cases out of our care (b)(6) ?

Thank you,
Scott

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Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Lloyd, Scott (ACF) <Scott.Lloyd@acf.hhs.gov>; Tota, Kenneth (ACF) <kenneth.tota@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: UACs

(b)(6) has been discharged to reunification.
(b)(6) is still in care. I see that her release request is being worked on, so I imagine her release will be forthcoming shortly.

From: Lloyd, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:30 AM
To: White, Jonathan (ACF); Tota, Kenneth (ACF)
Subject: UACs

Jonathan,

Are the first two UAC abortion cases out of our care (b)(6)?

Thank you,
Scott

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